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ALL ALONE
THEY'RE LATE...
YAAWN
JUST SITTING HERE WAITING MAKES ME SLEEPY...
SLUMP
I GUESS IT'S NO SUR-PRISE...
I DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP
BUT...
STEP
Student Council Room
STEP
BUT EVEN IF I FALL ASLEEP...
NOD
NOD
...IF SOMEONE COMES, I'M SURE THEY'LL WAKE ME...
STEP

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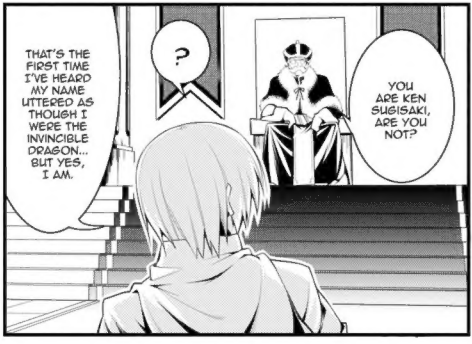
OHH...
SO YOU ARE THE HERO, SUGISAKI.

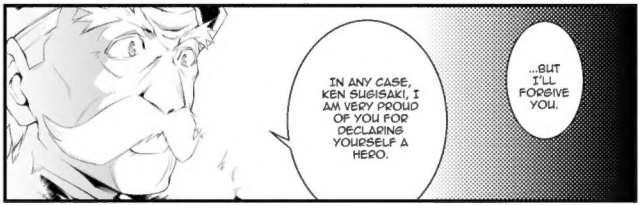
WHERE AM I?

HUH?

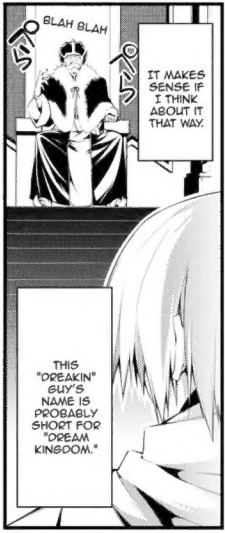
UHH...

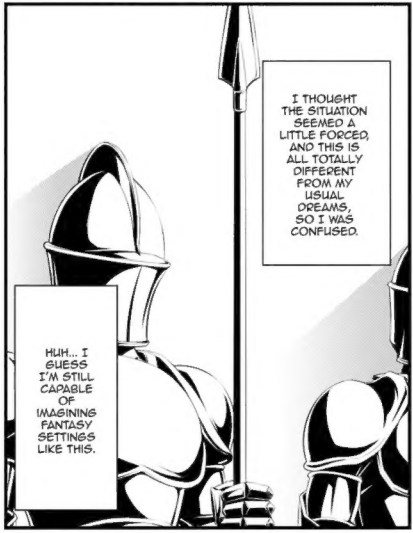

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD MY NAME UTTERED AS THOUGH I WERE THE INVINCIBLE DRAGON... BUT YES, I AM.
?
YOU ARE KEN SUGISAKI, ARE YOU NOT?

WHO IS THIS GUY?
HE LOOKS KINDA LIKE SANTA.
BUT HE'S GOT A CROWN, AND SEEMS REALLY IMPORTANT.
COULD HE BE...
KING?
WHAT IS IT, KEN SUGISAKI?
.....
ARE YOU IGNORING ME? YOU CALLED MY NAME AND NOW YOU'RE IGNORING ME?
AH...
...I'M SORRY, MR. SANTA.
SANTA? MY NAME IS EDWARD DREAKIN THE THIRD.
HEH HEH
DREAKIN... THAT NAME SOUNDS LIKE IT WAS MADE UP ON THE FLY.
HOW RUDE!


...BUT I'LL FORGIVE YOU.
IN ANY CASE, KEN SUGISAKI, I AM VERY PROUD OF YOU FOR DECLARING YOURSELF A HERO.

HUH?
WHAT ON EARTH...
AH, I GET IT... THIS IS A DREAM.


BLAH BLAH
IT MAKES SENSE IF I THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY.
THIS "DREAKIN" GUY'S NAME IS PROBABLY SHORT FOR "DREAM KINGDOM."

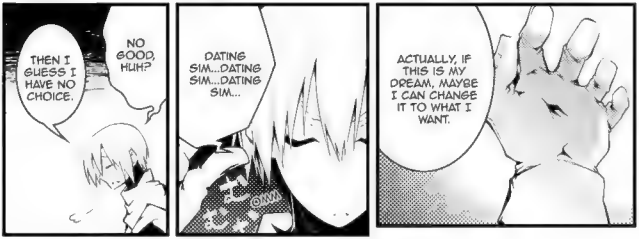

I THOUGHT THE SITUATION SEEMED A LITTLE FORCED, AND THIS IS ALL TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM MY USUAL DREAMS, SO I WAS CONFUSED.
HUH... I GUESS I'M STILL CAPABLE OF IMAGINING FANTASY SETTINGS LIKE THIS.

I'M NOT SURE WHY YOU ARE SUDDENLY FILLED WITH SUCH MOTIVATION... BUT ANYHOW...
COUGH
I'LL BE A GREAT HERO!
I WASN'T LISTENING, BUT THAT'S OKAY!
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME, KEN SUSISAKI?
STEP
SWISH
GO FORTH, BRAVE HERO!

...WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

WELL, I CAME OUT HERE IN HIGH SPIRITS, BUT...

I'D RATHER HAVE A DREAM THAT'S MORE LIKE A DATING SIM, WHERE I HANG OUT WITH CUTE GIRLS...
I'M NOT REALLY A HUGE FAN OF RPGS.


THEN I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE.
NO GOOD, HUH?
DATING SIM...DATING SIM...DATING SIM...
ACTUALLY, IF THIS IS MY DREAM, MAYBE I CAN CHANGE IT TO WHAT I WANT.

I'LL JUST HAVE TO HIT ON THE VILLAGE GIRLS!
DASH
ダダダダ
OFF I GO TO THE WORLD OF FANTASY!
村娘
VILLAGE GIRL
道具屋の看板娘
ANTIQUE SHOP GIRL
シスター
NUN
獣娘
BEAST GIRL
WOW, WHAT A GREAT SELECTION!
THIS FANTASY SETTING IS GREAT!

WHICH GIRL SHOULD I PICK?
STARE
STARE
THE FIRST GIRL I TALK TO WILL BECOME THE MAIN HEROINE OF THIS DREAM, SO I HAVE TO CHOOSE CAREFULLY.
SO EXCITING!
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P...PRI...
PRINCESS, LET'S PLAY TOGETHER!
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HOORAY!
HOORAY!
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YAY! IT'S THE PRINCESS!

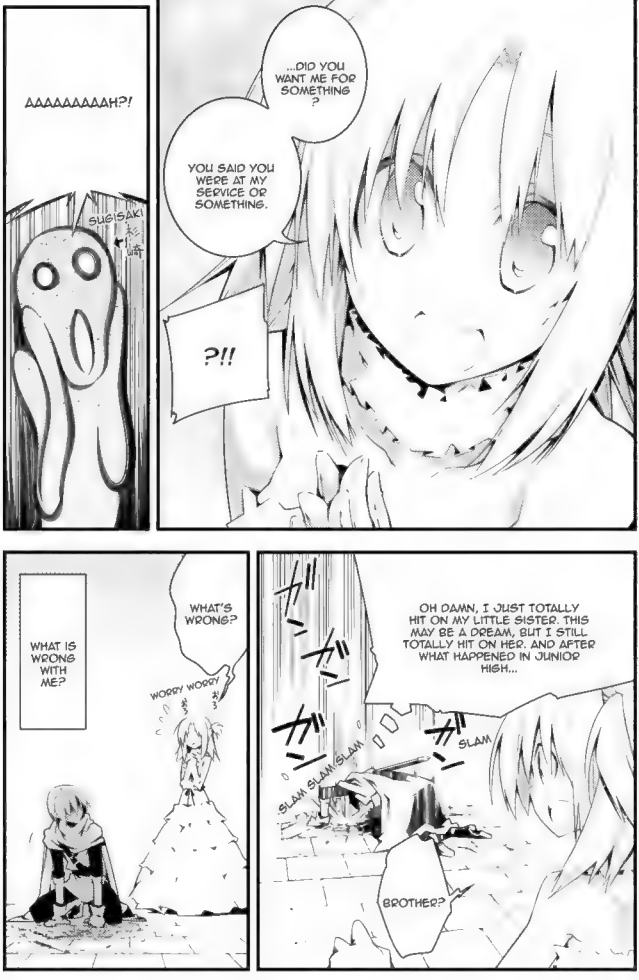
CLENCH
PRINCEEEEEEEEESS!!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
I AM THE HERO, KEN SUGISAKI, AT YOUR SERVICE.
PAT
AH...

R-RINGO?!
BIG BROTHER!!
YAAAY!

IT'S NOTHING. JUST TALKING TO MYSELF.
?

HUH? AHH, APPLE... MY DREAMS REALLY DON'T TRY TOO HARD WITH THESE NAMES.
RINGO? NO, I'M APPLE! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ME, BROTHER?

BY THE WAY, BROTHER...


AAAAAAAAAH?!
SHG!SAK!
...DID YOU WANT ME FOR SOMETHING?
YOU SAID YOU WERE AT MY SERVICE OR SOMETHING.
?!!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?
WHAT'S WRONG?
WORRY WORRY
OH DAMN, I JUST TOTALLY HIT ON MY LITTLE SISTER. THIS MAY BE A DREAM, BUT I STILL TOTALLY HIT ON HER. AND AFTER WHAT HAPPENED IN JUNIOR HIGH...
SLAM
SLAM SLAM SLAM
BROTHER?

I'M EVEN CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR RINGO IN MY DREAMS...
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WORRY WORRY
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THEN I WON'T HAVE TO FEEL GUILTY ANYMORE.
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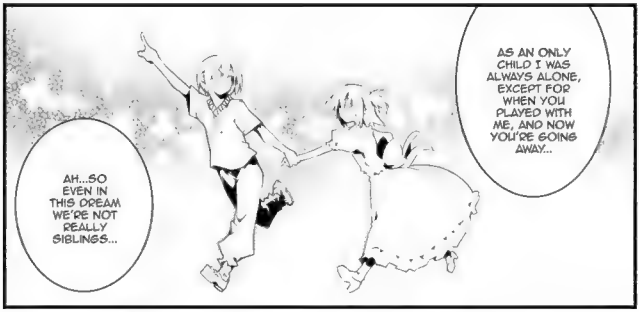
STAND
JUST THIS ONCE I'LL PUT ASIDE MY DESIRES AND GO ON A PEOPER ADVENTURE.
THAT'S IT. TO MAKE UP FOR THIS, I'LL SAVE THIS KINGDOM LIKE I'M SUPPOSED TO.
AH, HE STOOD UP.

RIN...
...I MEAN, PRINCESS APPLE.
I AM RENOUNCING MY POSITION TO GO ON A JOURNEY.
YES, I HEARD.
BUT I'LL BE SO LONELY...

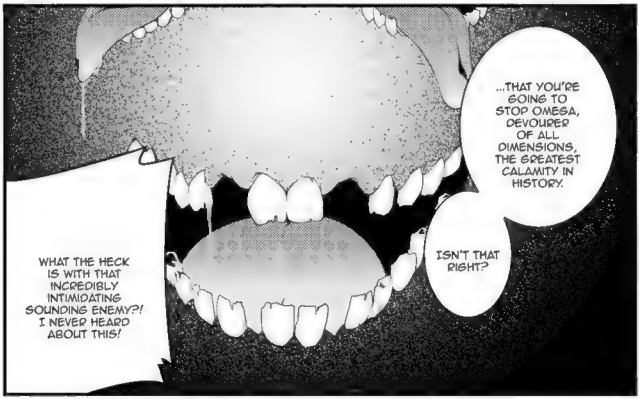

AS AN ONLY CHILD I WAS ALWAYS ALONE, EXCEPT FOR WHEN YOU PLAYED WITH ME, AND NOW YOU'RE GOING AWAY...
AH...SO EVEN IN THIS DREAM WE'RE NOT REALLY SIBLINGS...

DEMON KING? WHAT'S A DEMON KING?
?

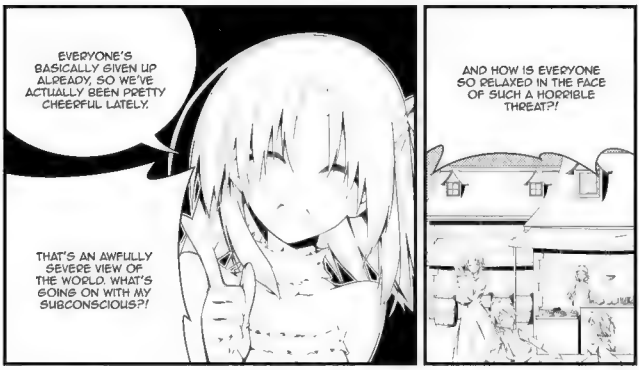
NEVER MIND.
ANYWAY, I'LL GO KILL THAT DEMON KING NOW.
? ?

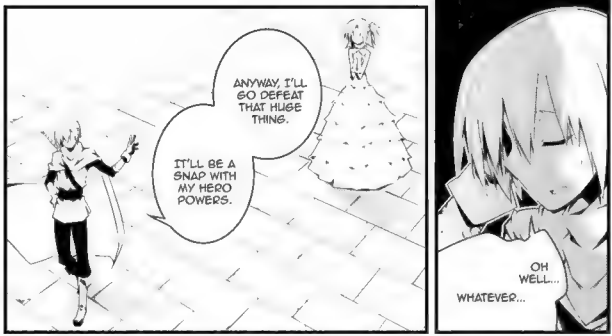
I HEARD.

SINCE I'M A HERO, AREN'T I SUPPOSED TO KILL A DEMON KING?
NO.


...THAT YOU'RE GOING TO STOP OMEGA, DEVOURER OF ALL DIMENSIONS, THE GREATEST CALAMITY IN HISTORY.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
WHAT THE HECK IS WITH THAT INCREDIBLY INTIMIDATING SOUNDING ENEMY?! I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THIS!

YOU'RE SO AMAZING, BROTHER!
キャっ♡ TEEHEE
YOU MUST BE AWFULLY BRAVE TO TAKE ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT ALL BY YOURSELF.
AREN'T I BEING A BIT TOO HEROIC?! THAT THING IS WAY TOO MUCH FOR JUST ONE PERSON!


EVERYONE'S BASICALLY GIVEN UP ALREADY, SO WE'VE ACTUALLY BEEN PRETTY CHEERFUL LATELY.
THAT'S AN AWFULLY SEVERE VIEW OF THE WORLD. WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MY SUBCONSCIOUS?!
AND HOW IS EVERYONE SO RELAXED IN THE FACE OF SUCH A HORRIBLE THREAT?!


ANYWAY, I'LL GO DEFEAT THAT HUGE THING.
IT'LL BE A SNAP WITH MY HERO POWERS.
OH WELL... WHATEVER...

TRIP
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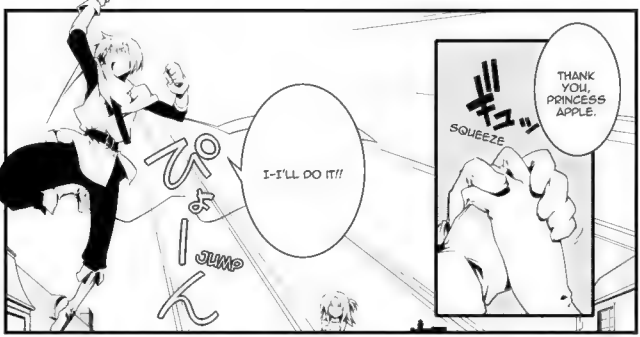
YOU WERE UNEMPLOYED UNTIL YESTERDAY, BROTHER, SO I'M NOT SURE YOU'RE BLESSED WITH SUCH POWERS...

BU... BUT...
WAIT, SO YOU'DE SAYING SOME UNEMPLOYED GUY JUST SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE'S GONNA TAKE ON OMEGA?! DOES THE DREAM VERSION OF ME HAVE A DEATH WISH?!

...I BELIEVE IN YOU, BIG BROTHER.
SQUEEZE
AH... APPLE...


I-I'LL DO IT!!
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JUMP
THANK YOU, PRINCESS APPLE.
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SQUEEZE

...THANKS FOR THE MOTIVATION, SISTER!
IF YOU DIE, DIE WITH HONOR!
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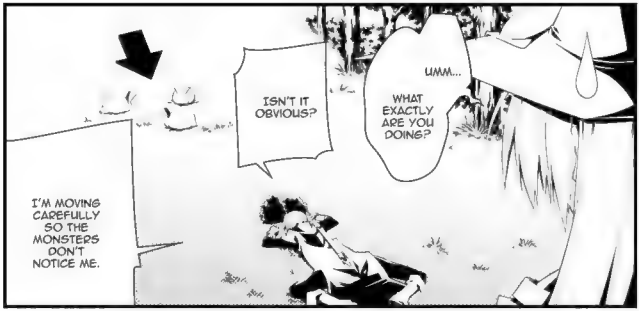
WAVE WAVE
GOOD LUCK, BROTHER!

OH, AND ONE MORE THING! I HEARD THIS BIT OF TRIVIA FROM ASUKA!

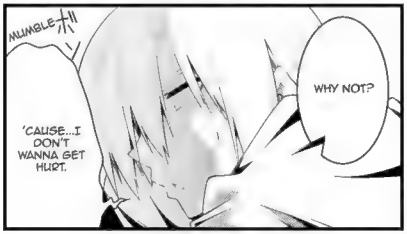
"ANY INJURIES INCURRED IN VERY REALISTIC DREAMS CAN MANIFEST AS INJURIES IN REAL LIFE. IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, YOU COULD EVEN DIE."
...SHE TOLD ME!

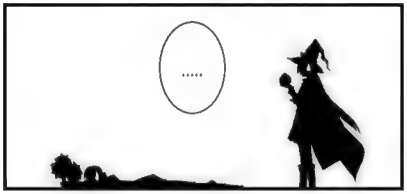
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT RIGHT NOW?!
DASH
ISN'T THAT INTERESTING?!

...MAN.
ASUKA EVEN MESSES WITH ME IN MY DREAMS.
LIKE ANYONE WOULD DIE IN REAL LIFE JUST 'CAUSE THEY DIED IN A DREAM!
CRAWL
CRAWL
I WON'T BE TRICKED, THOUGH... DREAMS AND REAL LIFE ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT.
UMM...YOU'RE THE HERO, RIGHT?
WHAT IS IT? SHUT UP!
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY HERE?


I'M MOVING CAREFULLY SO THE MONSTERS DON'T NOTICE ME.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
UMM... WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU DOING?

BEGGING
NO, I'M NOT.
AREN'T YOU GOING TO FIGHT THEM?


MUMBLE
'CAUSE...I DON'T WANNA GET HURT.
WHY NOT?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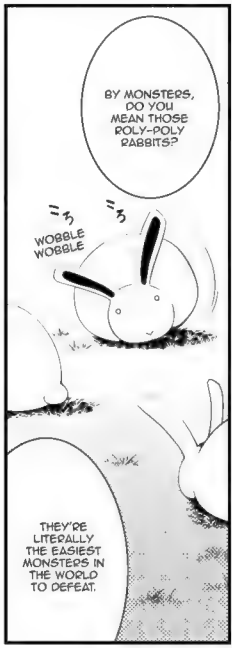
BY MONSTERS, DO YOU MEAN THOSE ROLY-POLY RABBITS?
WOBBLE WOBBLE
THEY'RE LITERALLY THE EASIEST MONSTERS IN THE WORLD TO DEFEAT.

I-I'M NOT SCARED OR ANYTHING!
SPIN
AND I CERTAINLY DON'T BELIEVE SOME DUMB RUMOR MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND TOLD ME!
TWITCH
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY GETTING MAD AT ME?!
WAIT...
MAFUYU?

UMM...ARE YOU A MAGIC USER?
YES!
MAFUYU!?
NO, MY NAME IS WINTER!
OF COURSE IT IS...
IT'S TIME I INTRODUCED MYSELF. I'M WINTER, AND I'VE BEEN ORDERED BY THE KING TO ASSIST THE HERO ON HIS QUEST.
SO HERE I AM TO HELP YOU!
Great Mage Winter has joined your party.

NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO!
YES!
SWISH
NICE TO MEET YOU, WINTER.
THIS FEELS JUST LIKE DRAGON QUEST I, SO I'M HAPPY TO HAVE YOU!
I GET THAT, BUT, UMM...
NO WAY
IF I'M TOUCHED BY A MAN, THE HEAT MAY MELT ME, SO I HAVE A POLICY AGAINST HANDSHAKES.
YOUR REASON FOR HATING GUYS IS PRETTY FANTASY-LIKE, TOO.
...UMM?
AH... EVERYONE CALLS ME THE ICE WITCH. I'M AN EXPERT IN TERRIFYING ICE MAGIC.

I SEE.
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SULK
YOU'LL MELT, HUH?
I GUESS EVEN I WOULDN'T TOUCH YOU IF THAT WOULD HAPPEN.

ON A JOURNEY WITH JUST ME AND A GIRL...
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WATCH OUT!
SQUISH
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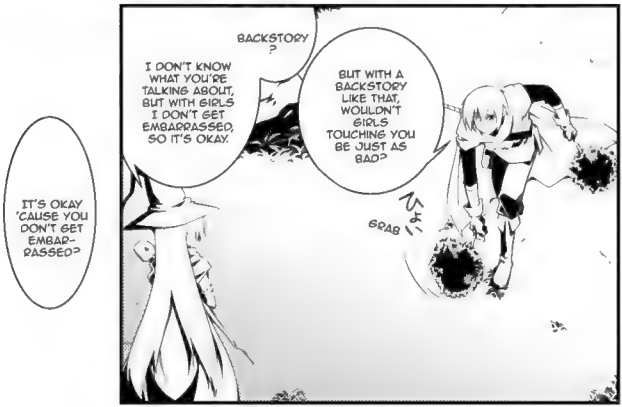
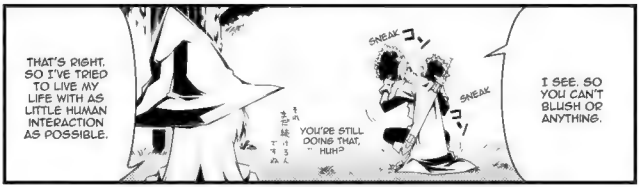
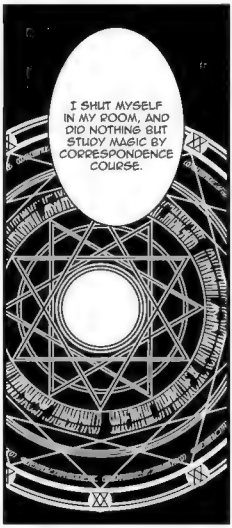
EEK-?
...I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME EXCITING AND SHAMELESS EVENTS...


BACKSTORY ?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT WITH GIRLS I DON'T GET EMBARRASSED, SO IT'S OKAY.
BUT WITH A BACKSTORY LIKE THAT, WOULDN'T GIRLS TOUCHING YOU BE JUST AS BAD?
ひゃ!
GRAB
IT'S OKAY 'CAUSE YOU DON'T GET EMBAR-RASSED?

THE REASON I MELT WHEN I'M TOUCHED BY A MAN IS BECAUSE I GET SO EMBARRASSED.
IT'S NOT THE BODY HEAT; IT'S MY OWN WARM FEELINGS THAT ARE THE PROBLEM.


I SEE. SO YOU CAN'T BLUSH OR ANYTHING.
SNEAK
SNEAK
YOU'RE STILL DOING THAT, HUH?
THAT'S RIGHT. SO I'VE TRIED TO LIVE MY LIFE WITH AS LITTLE HUMAN INTERACTION AS POSSIBLE.

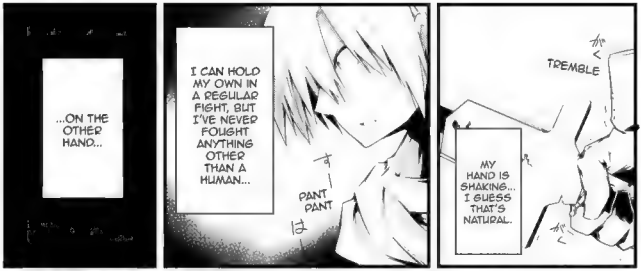
BUT THANKS TO THAT, I BECAME A GREAT MAGE!
HEH HEH
AHH...YOU'RE STRONG, BUT THERE'S STILL SOMETHING KINDA WRONG WITH YOU.


I SHUT MYSELF IN MY ROOM, AND DID NOTHING BUT STUDY MAGIC BY CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.

I'LL GET EMBARRASSED. I'LL MELT!
DON'T PRAISE ME LIKE THAT!
...
HEE HEE

BY THE WAY, WHAT SHOULD I CALL YOU, HERO?
JUST CALL ME SUGISAKI LIKE ALWA--
NO, IN THIS WORLD...
SNEAK SNEAK
LET'S SEE...
INSTANT ANSWER
即答
CALL ME HUSBAND.
NO.
THAT WAS QUICK.
YOU DON'T LIKE IT? THEN WHY NOT SUGISAKI?
JUST LIKE IN REAL LIFE. MY DREAM IS REALLY JUST PHONING THIS IN.
HMM... YOU'RE OLDER THAN ME, BUT AS A PARTY MEMBER, I'D LIKE TO HAVE A FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU, SO HOW ABOUT "KENNY"?
THAT MAKES ME SOUND LIKE A BOY BAND MEMBER OR SOMETHING.
WAH!

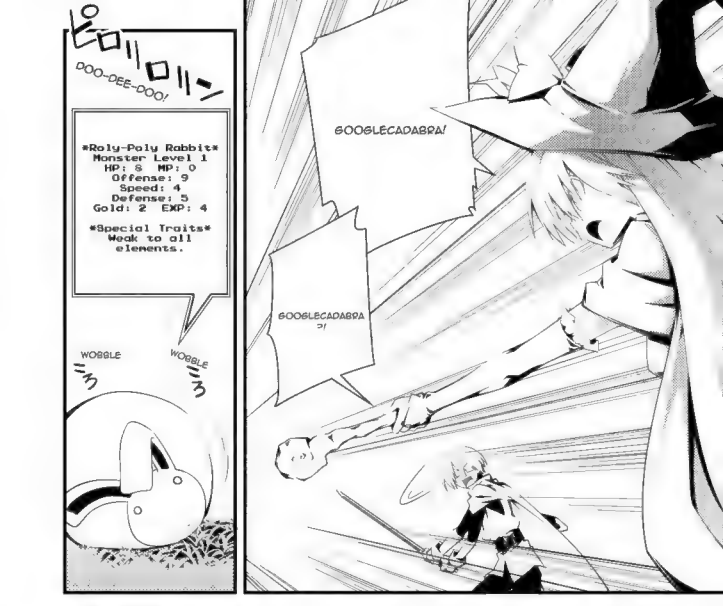
Roly-Poly Rabbits have appeared.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S YOUR FIRST ENCOUNTER!
YOU ACTUALLY CALL IT THAT?
THEY'VE NOTICED US...
STARE
THEN THERE'S NO CHOICE
WE'VE JUST GOTTA DO IT.
SHKEE
DUSTLE


...ON THE OTHER HAND...
I CAN HOLD MY OWN IN A REGULAR FIGHT, BUT I'VE NEVER FOUGHT ANYTHING OTHER THAN A HUMAN...
PANT PANT
TREMBLE
MY HAND IS SHAKING... I GUESS THAT'S NATURAL.

YES. ONE OF THE BEST.
BECAUSE I'VE PRACTICED IN MY ROOM ALL MY LIFE.
WINTER, YOU'RE A GREAT MAGE, RIGHT?
WHEEE!
...I'VE GOT A GREAT ICE MAGE ON MY SIDE.

WILL YOU FORGET YOUR WEIRD TRAGIC BACKSTORY FOR A MOMENT AND DO SOME SORT OF PREEMPTIVE ATTACK, PLEASE?!
ALL... ALONE...
WHIMPER...

HMM... I SUPPOSE IT'S ALL RIGHT. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, I'LL DO IT.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
HUH? YOU WANT ME TO USE UP MP ON LITTLE SHRIMPS LIKE THAT?
NOW THEN
FOOSH
OOOHHHHHHH
OHHH
CRACK

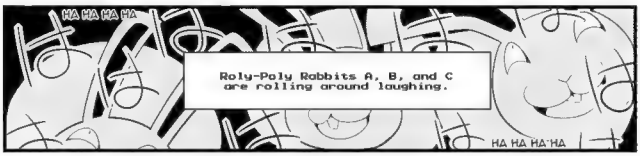

DOO-DEE-DOO!
Roly-Poly Rabbit
Monster Level 1
HP: 8 MP: 0
Offense: 9
Speed: 4
Defense: 5
Gold: 2 EXP: 4
Special Traits
Weak to all elements.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
GOOGLECADABRA!
GOOGLECADABRA!!

AND HERE'S THE SPELL YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR...
YOU'RE AWFULLY SELFISH...
ALL RIGHT, UNDERSTOOD.
BUT I WAS REALLY HOPING YOU'D USE SOME EVEN BETTER MAGIC, AND I CAN'T SAY I APPROVE OF YOUR SPELL NAMING SENSE.
YEAH, I'M SURE IT'S REALLY IMPRESSIVE.
HOW'S THAT, SUGISAKI?
THE ULTIMATE INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SPELL--GOOGLECADABRA!
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN'T IDENTIFY!

UMM... GIGA...
GIGA-SOMETHING?
WHAT SORT OF SPELLS DO YOU KNOW?
I KNOW ALL THE HIGHEST LEVEL SPELLS, SO YOU CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT FROM ME.
THE ENEMY BECOMES VERY CUTE.
GIGACUTIE-PIE.
WHAT DOES THAT EVEN DO?!
NO THANKS.
OH, THIS ONE SOUNDS GOOD!
TERRA...
LET'S SEE...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?
SHOO, SHOO!

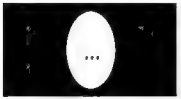
NONE OF YOUR SPELL NAMES REALLY GO WITH THIS FANTASY WORLD, YOU KNOW!
JIIT
SMILE
TERRA-ROFLMAO.
RIGHT.
THE ENEMY BURSTS OUT LAUGHING
SO, WHAT DOES IT DO?
レヨーーン
JUMP
WHOA!
WHILE WE WERE TALKING, THE ENEMY--
WHATEVER, TERRAROFLMAO IS FINE--JUST DO IT!

IT WORKED?!
FLUMP
GOT IT! TERRAROFLMAO!


HA HA HA HA
Roly-Poly Rabbits A, B, and C are rolling around laughing.
HA HA HA HA

HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA HA

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE! CUT 'EM UP!
R...RIGHT.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THIS IS HARD TO ATTACK! IT'S TOO HARD TO ATTACK RABBITS THAT ARE LAUGHING LIKE PEOPLE!
THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

EH...?
RUN AWAY.
DASH
S!!
S!!

SUGISAKI, ARE YOU GOING FOR A LOW-LEVEL WIN?
LEAVE ME ALONE...

AH...

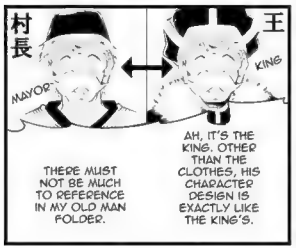
IT'S THE SECOND VILLAGE, LOUPE.

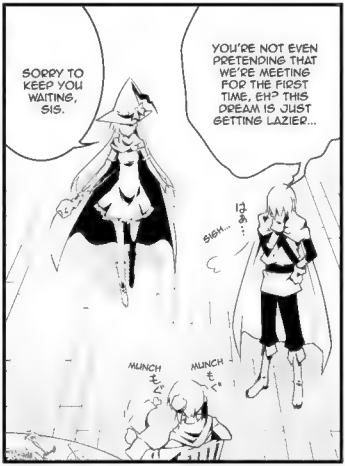
WE'LL MEET UP WITH MY OLDER SISTER IN THIS VILLAGE.
AND I BET YOUR SISTER'S NAME IS SUMMER, AND SHE'S A MARTIAL ARTIST OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?
VERY GOOD!
MY SISTER IS A VERY FAMOUS MARTIAL ARTIST. BUT I HADN'T TOLD YOU THAT YET...
WELL...
WE'VE ALREADY ARRIVED AT THE MAYOR'S HOUSE, WHERE WE AGREED TO MEET UP!
AHH... SORRY ABOUT THAT.
MY DREAMS ARE PRETTY DARN EASY TO PREDICT...
ALTHOUGH THE LAST BOSS ISN'T WHAT I'D EXPECT AT ALL...
WHAT ARE YOU SPACING OUT ABOUT?

MY SISTER SHOULD BE UP HERE.
HELLO! I'M A HERO RENOWNED FOR MY FLEEING SPEED!
I'M THE STRONGEST MAGIC USER IN HISTORY, BUT I HAVE ONLY 1 HP!
AH... WAIT A MOMENT, WINTER.
OH, WINTER!
TWITCH
I REALIZE THAT'S A STANDARD THING FOR HEROES TO DO...
...BUT WHEN I ACTUALLY SEE IT, IT'S REALLY CREEPY...
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING I CAN USE IN HERE...
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH
RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

MARTIAL ARTIST, SUMMER
YOU'RE LATE!
OH, AND YOU'VE GOT KEN WITH YOU!
LOUPE VILLAGE MAYOR

SMILE
UMM...
...I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THIS GUY BEFORE...


村長
MAYOR
王
KING
THERE MUST NOT BE MUCH TO REFERENCE IN MY OLD MAN FOLDER.
AH, IT'S THE KING. OTHER THAN THE CLOTHES, HIS CHARACTER DESIGN IS EXACTLY LIKE THE KING'S.


SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, SIS.
YOU'RE NOT EVEN PRETENDING THAT WE'RE MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME, EH? THIS DREAM IS JUST GETTING LAZIER...
SIGH...
MUNCH
MUNCH

HUH?
WELL...I WAS BORED, SO I JUST WENT OUT AND DEFEATED A MONSTER THAT WAS TERRORIZING THIS VILLAGE.
SO...
...WHY DO YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING A PARTY, SIS?
SMILE
THAT'S COLD!
SO WE NOW HAVE NO NEED OF YOUR HELP, HERO. GO AHEAD AND CONTINUE ON YOUR JOURNEY.
WHATEVER, IT'S FINE. I GOT A GOOD MEAL OUT OF IT, SO LET'S GO, GUYS.
I GUESS THE CUT SCENE HAPPEN EVEN IF THE HERO'S NOT THERE...
THIS IS HOW YOU TREAT HEROES WHO DON'T RESCUE YOUR VILLAGE?!

LADY SUMMER.
...WHO ARE THEY?
RIGHT.
LET'S NOT THINK ABOUT IT...
I'D RATHER NOT THINK THAT SHE STOLE ALL OF MY SCENES.
IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE WAS A VERY EMOTIONAL SCENE...
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, SIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY.
SLUMP
しゅん
THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR US.
YEAH, I HOPE YOU TWO STAY HEALTHY AND HAPPY FROM NOW ON.
AND NO MORE VOLUNTEERING YOURSELVES AS SACRIFICES!
BOW
ペコ

KEN! WINTER! WHAT'S KEEPING YOU GUYS?!
SPIN
YOU CAN BE DEPRESSED IF YOU WANT, WINTER, BUT AT LEAST KEEP WALKING.
COMPARED TO HER, I'M...
GLOOOM
しょぼーん
OUR ADVENTURE HAS JUST BEGUN! LET'S LEAP INTO THE FUTURE!
BOUNCE
ぴょん
...WAIT A SEC?!
WA...
UNNGH..
FLOP
ぺたん
AND SO THE STRONGEST SISTERS (IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER) JOINED MY PARTY. MY...NO, SUMMER'S ADVENTURE WILL CONTINUE.
AHHH! EVEN IN MY DREAMS YOU SISTERS ARE SUCH A PAIN!

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ヒュオオオ
HYOOOOOO

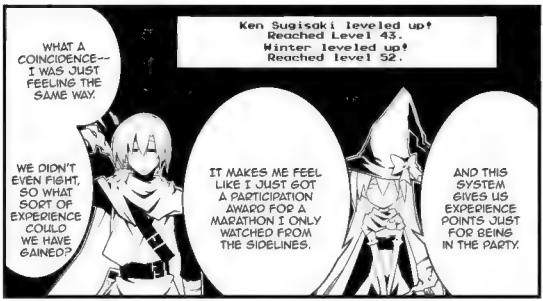
SWISH SWISH
RRRUMBLE
OOOO
RRROAR
EEE HEE HEE HEE! HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH?!
A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT...
...IS HARDLY ENOUGH..

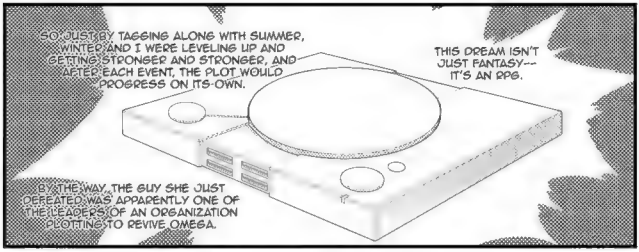
...TO STOP ME!!
BOOOOOM
WHY WON'T YOU DIE?!
WHA...

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
EEE---
EEEEEAUGH!

Gained 3200 EXP.
SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S FINISHED.
MY DEAR SISTER IS SO STRONG THAT SOMETIMES I WONDER IF SHE'S USING ACTION __PLAY.
WE'RE REALLY NOT NECESSARY AT ALL.
AHH, THAT WAS A GOOD WORKOUT!

A WEEK HAS PASSED SINCE WE LEFT THE VILLAGE OF LOUPE (IN DREAM TIME, ANYWAY). AND THERE'S ONE THING I'VE REALIZED.


Ken Sugisaki leveled up! Reached Level 43.
Winter leveled up! Reached level 52.
WHAT A COINCIDENCE-- I WAS JUST FEELING THE SAME WAY.
WE DIDN'T EVEN FIGHT, SO WHAT SORT OF EXPERIENCE COULD WE HAVE GAINED?
IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I JUST GOT A PARTICIPATION AWARD FOR A MARATHON I ONLY WATCHED FROM THE SIDELINES.
AND THIS SYSTEM GIVES US EXPERIENCE POINTS JUST FOR BEING IN THE PARTY.


SO, JUST BY TAGGING ALONG WITH SUMMER, WINTER, AND I WERE LEVELING UP AND GETTING STRONGER AND STRONGER, AND AFTER EACH EVENT, THE PLOT WOULD PROGRESS ON ITS OWN.
THIS DREAM ISN'T JUST FANTASY--- IT'S AN RPG.
BY THE WAY, THE GUY SHE JUST DEFEATED WAS APPARENTLY ONE OF THE LEADERS OF AN ORGANIZATION PLOTTING TO REVIVE OMEGA.

YEAH, SUPPOSEDLY HELPING THE HERO, BUT NOT REALLY DOING ANYTHING...
ALONG THIS JOURNEY, I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND HOW RAI_N AND TAL__N FELT.
TRUDGE
TRUDGE

COME ON, THIS IS AN ADVENTURE!
YOU NEED TO REALLY ENJOY IT, FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEARTS!
YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT.

WHAT ARE YOU TWO MUMBLING ABOUT, AND WHY ARE YOU LOOKING ALL GLOOMY BACK THERE?

NOT "WHERE DO WE GO", BUT "WHO DO WE DEFEAT?"... IS THAT HOW YOU SEE THIS ADVENTURE?
...WHO ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DEFEAT NEXT?
K'BAM
THAT'S HOW IT WORKS, RIGHT?
WELL, YOU'RE NOT WRONG...
FLINCH
SO...

WELL, OF COURSE I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING THE SWORD, TOO.

AND I BET A REALLY STRONG MONSTER WILL SHOW UP TO TEST US! SOUNDS FUN!
TWITCH TWITCH
UMM, I THINK WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GO GET THE "HERO'S SWORD", WHICH WE NEED TO DEFEAT OMEGA.
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO?

AH.
I HOPE YOU REALIZE THE HERO'S SWORD CAN ONLY BE EQUIPPED BY THE HERO--- ME!
I WONDER HOW MUCH IT'LL RAISE MY ATTACK POWER!
AWW, WHY COULDN'T YOU JUST GIVE IT TO ME?
YOU'RE A MARTIAL ARTIST!

POOF
HEY, IT'S A TREASURE CHEST.
WE MUST HAVE MISSED IT ON OUR WAY IN.
SO EXCITING!
MAYBE THERE'S SOME SUPER POWERFUL MARTIAL ART GEAR IN THERE
YOU'RE STILL JEALOUS ABOUT THAT SWORD, AREN'T YOU?
THIS IS GREAT, SUGISAKI.
IT'S A RARE ASSET FOR FEMALE CHARACTERS-- THE PRETTY DRESS!
OF COURSE IT'LL INCREASE MY POWER, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT'S REALLY CUTE!
SO CUTE THAT IF THIS WERE AN ONLINE GAME, I'D PROBABLY WEAR IT EVEN IF I HAD OTHER EQUIPMENT WITH BETTER STATS!
OH, THAT'S NICE!
AHEM.

?
YES, OF COURSE IT WILL INCREASE MY MAGIC POWER, TOO.
R... RIGHT.
AUGH

UHH, SO, ABOUT THAT EQUIPMENT... ARE YOU GOING TO WEAR IT, WINTER?

I'M NOT SURE I SEE YOUR POINT...
NO, I JUST MEAN, IT'D BE POSSIBLE, RIGHT?
WHY WOULD A MARTIAL ARTIST NEED A MAGIC BOOST?
HUH?
BUT, YOU KNOW, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO WEAR IT, RIGHT?
...

WHAT IS IT? DO YOU WANNA WEAR THE PRETTY DRESS, SUMMER?
?!
BLUSSSSH

W-WAIT, WINTER!
THEN I'LL GO PUT IT ON RIGHT AWAY.
SKIP SKIP
I-I DON'T WANNA WEAR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
SHAKE SHAKE
D...DON'T BE STUPID!
OF COURSE I DON'T! I'M A MARTIAL ARTIST!
...YOU REALLY WANT TO WEAR IT, DON'T YOU, SIS?
I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT WE CALL "PEARLS BEFORE SWINE"...
UM...I DON'T THINK SO...
A MARTIAL ARTIST WITH SOME MAGIC POWER MIGHT NOT BE A BAD THING, RIGHT?
IS THERE REALLY NO WAY I COULD POSSIBLY WEAR THAT?
AFTER HALF AN HOUR OF THIS...
...
NO, WAIT A MINUTE!
THEN I'LL WEAR IT.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! WHY WOULD A MARTIAL ARTIST LIKE ME WEAR SOMETHING SO FRILLY AND DIFFICULT TO MOVE IN?!
BLUSSSSH

AHH, I CAN HARDLY MOVE IN THIS THING.
IT'S TOTALLY UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT I DON'T WANNA RIP IT, SO I CAN'T EVEN FIGHT.
MAN, THIS IS A TOTAL PAIN.

AND SO THE PARTY---THE HERO WHO TRIES TO SEDUCE HIS COMPANIONS, THE MAGE JUST REALIZING HOW SHE FEELS ABOUT HER SISTER, AND THE MARTIAL ARTIST WHO CAN NO LONGER FIGHT---CONTINUE ON THEIR JOURNEY.

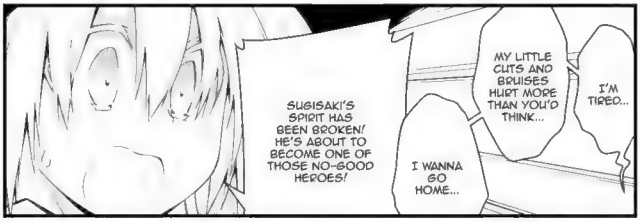
ARRGH...
GRRRLISH!
NNNGGGH...
SLASH
GRAH!
MAFUYU!
RIGHT!
OOOOO

NOW'S MY CHANCE!
SSHHH
CUL DE ICE!
Crystals of ice wrap thenselves around the Flaming Gatekeeper, quenching the red hot barrier around it!
SLICE
斬
Defeated Flaming Gatekeeper Ignus.

YEAH, I'M ALMOST OUT OF MP.
I'VE NEVER FOUGHT SUCH A HUGE BOSS...
THAT WAS... ROUGH.
PANT
HAHH
CLACK
THEN YOU HELP US FIGHT, SUMMER SIS!!
YOU TWO SURE DID A PATHETIC JOB.
Spectator Mode
観戦モード
WHAT WAS THAT?
GAME OVER, HUH... I WONDER IF DYING IN A DREAM REALLY COULD MAKE ME DIE IN REAL LIFE...
I CAN'T KEEP THIS UP, EITHER. AT THIS RATE WE COULD GET A GAME OVER...
I'VE BEEN SWINGING THAT SWORD SO MUCH I'VE GOT BLISTERS...
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS JUST A DREAM IN A FANTASY WORLD, WHY DO I FEEL SO REALISTICALLY EXHAUSTED?
UWAAH
FLAP FLAP
RESTING
休憩中

WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY BURST OUT CRYING, SUGISAKI?!
I HATE THIS...
WAAAH
WHAT IS IT, KEN? THE HERO SHOULDN'T CRY!

...UGH.


SUGISAKI'S SPIRIT HAS BEEN BROKEN! HE'S ABOUT TO BECOME ONE OF THOSE NO-GOOD HEROES!
I WANNA GO HOME...
MY LITTLE CUTS AND BRUISES HURT MORE THAN YOU'D THINK...
I'M TIRED...

!!
POOF
<<LIGHT OF LOVE>>

H-HEY... CHEER UP, KEN!
FLAP FLAP
WHIMPER
WHIMPER

MY BODY NO, EVEN MY MIND FEELS REFRESHED. MY FATIGUE IS DISAPPEARING.. WHAT IS THIS?

CH-CHIZURU!
UP AND AT 'EM!
HEE HEE. HOW DO YOU LIKE MY MAGIC?
...HOW ABOUT...
ALSO, "CHIZURU" DOESN'T REALLY FIT WITH THIS WORLD, SO...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, KEY.
BRUSH
...MOMIJI.
MOMIJI THE SAGE. NICE TO MEET YOU!
RUSTLE

KEN IS SO ENERGETIC ALL OF A SUDDEN...
YAHOO! YOU'RE NOT EVEN TRYING TO ACT LIKE YOU'RE FROM THIS SETTING! BUT THAT'S THE THRILL! I LOVE IT!
YEAH!
BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE MAKING UP A NAME FOR YOU. IS JUST "KEY" OKAY?
VOOM
I USED HEALING MAGIC.
SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE A RANK ABOVE A MAGE!
HEALING MAGIC, HUH?
STAB
STAB
A SAGE ISN'T LIKE A REGULAR MAGIC USER. WE'RE EXPERTS IN ALL TYPES OF MAGIC. WE CAN USE ANY OF THEM.
YEAH!
YEAH!

BUT IF MOMJI'S THE HEALER... THAT'S KIND OF UNEXPECTED CASTING.
POOF
THERE'S ONE THING I FORGOT TO MENTION ABOUT THAT.
THIS <<LIGHT OF LOVE>> DOESN'T ACTUALLY HEAL WOUNDS OR RESTORE ENERGY.

HUH? BUT I REALLY DO FEEL BETTER.

SMILE
I'M SURE YOU DO. <<LIGHT OF LOVE>> MAKES YOU THINK YOU'RE ALL BETTER.
WHAAAA?!

BLUSH
I'M SO GLAD MY MAGIC MADE YOU FEEL BETTER!
WHAT KIND OF QUACK TREATMENT IS THAT?!

あっさり!!
STRAIGHT TO THE POINT
YES.
SO IT'S JUST AN ANESTHETIC... YOU BASICALLY JUST DOPED ME?

AHH... THIS IS ALL STARTING TO MAKE SENSE.
HEE HEE HEE
WELL, AFTER ALL... IT'S MY MAGIC, RIGHT?

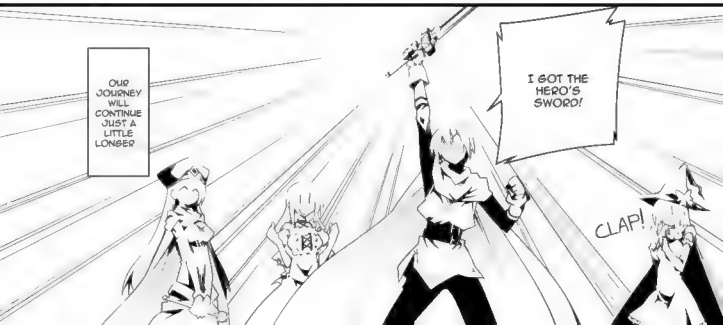
SO, EVERYONE, I'LL DO WHAT I CAN FROM HERE ON OUT. PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO THE MAGIC OF MOMIJI THE SAGE!

THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN DEPEND ON HER.

ANYWAY, IT'S RIDICULOUS TO THINK YOU CAN RECOVER FROM ALL YOUR WOUNDS IN AN INSTANT. SOME THINGS SIMPLY CAN'T BE DONE, YOU KNOW.
EHHH...

OOOOO
WE GATHERED STRENGTH NOT FROM HER HEALING MAGIC, BUT FROM MOMIJI'S BATTLE TECHNIQUES.
THE JOURNEY WENT WELL FROM THEN ON.

THANKS TO HER, WE CLEARED ALL THE BOSSES THROUGHOUT OUR TRIALS.
OOOOOH!
SHE CALLED HERSELF A SAGE, BUT SHE WAS WELL VERSED IN ATTACK MAGIC AS WELL.
WHOA...
AAHHH!


OUR JOURNEY WILL CONTINUE JUST A LITTLE LONGER
I GOT THE HERO'S SWORD!
CLAP!

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MMM, ADVENTURES ARE GREAT-- AND HEALTHY!
STRETCH
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...
WHEW
IT'S TRUE.
SEE? LOOK, KEY.

JUST LIVING YOUR NORMAL LIFE, YOU'D NEVER SEE SCENERY LIKE THIS.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL..

IT LOOKS LIKE IT.
TWITCH
WE'VE SURE CLIMBED A LOT... ARE WE...ALMOST ...AT THE TOP?
THUD

LOOK, THERE'S LIGHT SHINING DOWN FROM THE TOP OF THE NEXT STAIRCASE.

HMM...
THERE DON'T SEEM TO BE ANY AIRSHIPS IN THIS WORLD.
WE HEARD THERE WAS SOME KIND OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE LAST DUNGEON, BUT WHAT COULD IT BE?
I SURE HOPE IT'S NOT A FLYING CARPET OR BED.

IT MIGHT NOT BE SOMETHING TO RIDE AT ALL. MAYBE THERE'S A MAGIC CIRCLE TO TELEPORT US OR SOMETHING.
!!!
OHH... IT'S...
ズーン...
TA-DA...
ACTUALLY, I DO REMEMBER HEARING RUMORS OF MONSTROUS BIRDS BACK IN THE VILLAGE.
WHY...

SCREEECH!
WHY AM I A BIIIIIIIRD?!
THE BIRD TALKED?!
OHH...
WHAT?
ONE!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME TALKING?!
WHISH
EEK!
HO~
UHH
TH...THAT BIRD JUST TALKED, DIDN'T IT?
ABOVE US? YOU ARE ABOVE US, SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
I MEAN I'M THE VERY TOP! OVER ALL YOU GUYS!
SNAP
YEAH, YOU'RE AT THE TOP OF THE TOWER.
I MEAN I'M THE BOSS!
...
GRUMBLE
COME ON... THIS CASTING IS RIDICULOUS! I'M ABOVE ALL YOU GUYS, SO WHY DO I HAVE TO BE *THIS*?
GRUMBLE
WAIT A MINUTE...

YES! THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU THIS WHOLE TIME!
...PREZ?
I'M THE PRESIDENT!

I MEAN...
STAPE
UH... SO DOES THAT MEAN YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT IN THE REAL WORLD?
OF COURSE I DO!
THIS IS THE WORST CASTING OF ALL!

THOSE TWO SISTERS ARE JUST TOO INTO THEIR ROLES. THEY DEFINITELY KNOW WHO THEY ARE.
HUH?
HEH HEH...
PEAK

SO, PREZ, CAN YOU PLEASE TAKE US TO THE PLACE WHERE WE'LL FIGHT THE FINAL BATTLE?
...I'M GLAD YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON.
WELL, ANYWAY...

I WON'T STAND FOR IT! WHY CAN'T I BE THE HERO?
WELL, IT'S MY DREAM...
EVEN IF IT IS YOUR DREAM...
HMPH!
DON'T WANNA.
DON'T WANNA? ...YOU CAN'T BE SO SELFISH!

...THIS DREAM MUST BE CONTROLLED BY MY SUBCONSCIOUS OR SOMETHING. I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER IT AT ALL....
I'D REALLY, REALLY LIKE TO, BUT...
I DEMAND A CHANGE! SUGISAKI, CHANGE YOUR DREAM!
...WHY COULDN'T I BE A MEMBER OF THE PARTY, OR EVEN A HUMAN?!
SNIFFLE
PAT
STOP TALKING LIKE YOU'RE CURSED OR SOMETHING.
WAAAAAAHHH!! I WANNA BE HUUUUMAN!!
SCREEEEECH
SLIP
SWEETIE.

I DON'T WANNA BE A BIRD... CHIZUKU, TRADE WITH ME...
WHIMPER
I'D GLADLY DO THAT IF I COULD, BUT IT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
YOU KNOW I'M A SAGE, RIGHT?

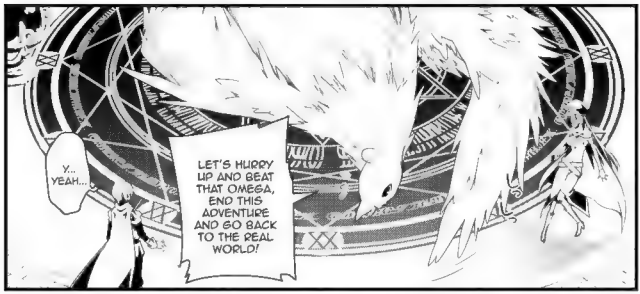
SNIFF SNIFF
SO WHY IS IT IMPOSSIBLE?
BECAUSE SAGES HAVE TO BE SMART.

FWIP

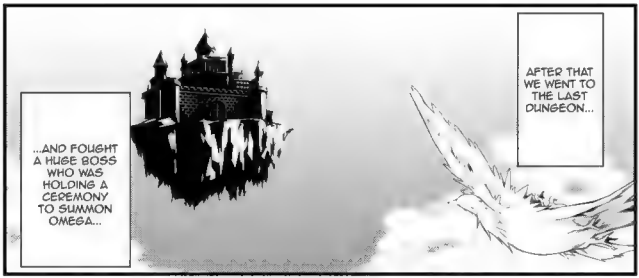
SHE ADDED INSULT TO INJURY?!
WA...WAAAAA-AAAAHHHH!

CHIZURU..?
SQUEEZE
RUB RUB
YOU'RE SO SOFT AND FLUFFY! YOU'RE GREAT IN REAL LIFE TOO, SWEETIE, BUT THIS FORM IS FANTASTIC!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE COMFORTING ME AS MY FRIEND, BUT YOU JUST WANTED TO PET ME?!
AND YOU WANT TO CAGE ME?!
HEE HEE, I'LL HAVE TO ORDER A CUSTOM-MADE BIRDCAGE.

SQUEEEZE
THEN YOU'LL BE MINE FOREVER. WHEN YOU WERE A HUMAN, THERE WERE LAWS IN THE WAY, BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE A BIRD...
SUGISAKI! I'LL HELP YOU AFTER ALL!
WHY THE SUDDEN CHANGE OF HEART?


LET'S HURRY UP AND BEAT THAT OMEGA, END THIS ADVENTURE AND GO BACK TO THE REAL WORLD!
Y... YEAH...

I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT WAS GOING ON, BUT PREZ DECIDED TO HELP US, AND WE WERE FINALLY READY TO FACE THE FINAL STAGE!


...AND FOUGHT A HUGE BOSS WHO WAS HOLDING A CEREMONY TO SUMMON OMEGA...
AFTER THAT WE WENT TO THE LAST DUNGEON...

...AND WHEN WE BEAT HIM, THE WHOLE DUNGEON COLLAPSED...
THEN WE RAN THROUGH A FEW MORE LITTLE EVENTS...

IT'S STILL GOING ON? THIS DREAM IS WAY TOO LONG...
...UNTIL WE FINALLY APPROACHED THE LAST BATTLE.

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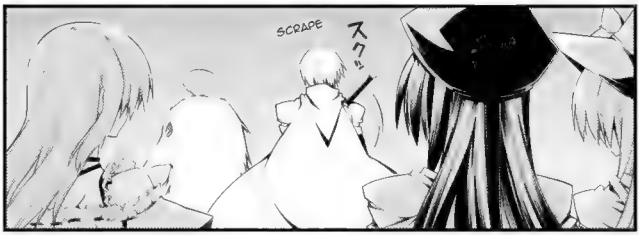
SUBISAKI!
I'M SCARED THAT WHEN I FINALLY WAKE UP FROM THIS DREAM, SOMETHING LIKE FOUR MONTHS MAY HAVE PASSED.
IT'S COMING!
WHY ARE YOU SPACING OUT?
WHAT IS THAT?
WHA...

WOOOOOHHHHH
OOOOOOOOO

WOOOOOHHHHHH

EVERYONE!
NO HUMAN COULD POSSIBLY HANDLE THAT THING.
IT'S LIKE THE VERY IDEA OF "EATING" CAME TO LIFE...
WAAH


SCRAPE
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LET'S GO...BACK TO OUR HOME...
WHY ARE YOU TALKING LIKE THE BOSS IS ALREADY BEATEN? WIPE THAT CAREFREE SMILE OFF YOUR FACE!

YOU CAN'T JUST LET THAT THING BE!
GO RIGHT AHEAD!
THEN YOU CAN FIGHT IT, SUMMER.
YOU LIKE IT, RIGHT? DOESN'T IT GET YOU EXCITED? I MEAN, THIS TYPE OF SITUATION?

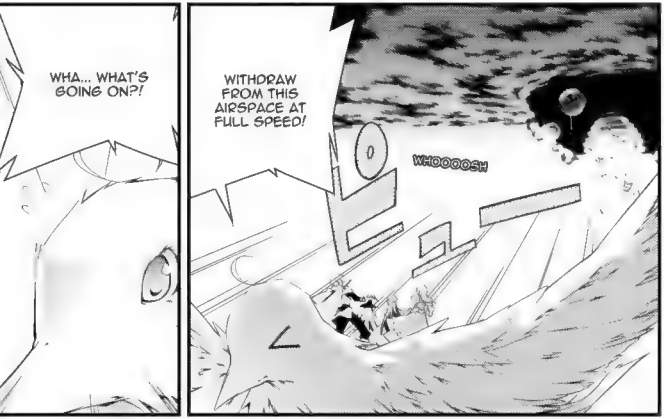
WELL THEN, WHAT ABOUT WINTER OR MOMIJI? IT LOOKS LIKE MAGIC MIGHT WORK ON IT.
I DON'T THINK THAT THING WOULD FREEZE.
MOST OF MY MAGIC IS JUST TRICKERY, SO I'M NOT SURE IT WOULD WORK ON A MONSTER LIKE THAT.
...

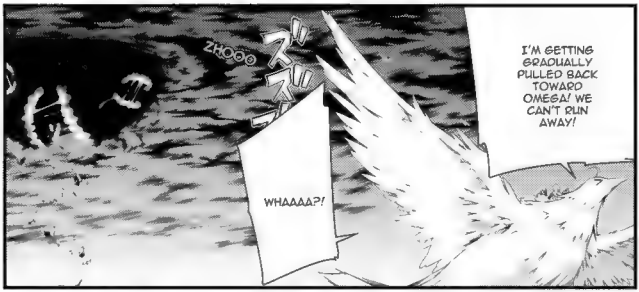
I LIKE FIGHTING, BUT I'M NOT TOO FOND OF CREEPY THINGS LIKE THAT... IT DOESN'T EVEN SEEM TO HAVE A REAL BODY...

GLARE
...IT'S TRUE!
IT REALLY TICKS ME OFF TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT, BUT...
SORRY, I FORGOT YOU'RE NOT EVEN A MEMBER OF OUR PARTY.
WANT ME TO PECK AT IT WITH MY BEAK?
NONE OF THOSE THREE WILL DO IT. WHAT ABOUT YOU, PREZ...?
SIGH
THEN, IN THAT CASE...
WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT WITH SUCH A CONFIDENT ATTITUDE?
A HERO WITHOUT A SPECIAL POWER OR A UNIQUE BACKGROUND ISN'T REALLY A HERO AT ALL.
...AND SO...
BUT NOW YOU'RE A HERO!
...NO, NO WAY! I'M JUST SOME UNEMPLOYED DUDE!

NOO..
コク…
...THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO.

Fight
Skill
Run
BEEP


WHA... WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WITHDRAW FROM THIS AIRSPACE AT FULL SPEED!
WHOOOOSH


I'M GETTING GRADUALLY PULLED BACK TOWARD OMEGA! WE CAN'T RUN AWAY!
WHAAAA?!
ZHOOO
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WELL, EVEN IF WE DID RUN THE WORLD WOULD END ANYWAY...
CAN'T BE HELPED..

I GUESS WE REALLY CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM A BOSS FIGHT...

TUG...
ギュッ...
LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO...

LEAVE THE HEALING AND SUPPORT TO ME.
SIGH
はあ…
I THINK I CAN KEEP YOU ALIVE FOR A LITTLE LONGER AT LEAST.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I CAN DO WITH MY FIGHTING TECHNIQUE HERE, BUT I'LL TRY...
HMM
ん…
BUT I'LL PROBABLY JUST DIE IN VAIN.
IF THERE'S NOTHING TO LOSE, I GUESS I'LL TRY SOME SPELLS TOO.
ULIGH...
うう…
...WHIMPER
<<BIG BROTHER?>>
DON'T MAKE FUN OF BIRDS! THIS BIRD IS TRYING HER BEST! ALL THIS FLAPPING IS PRETTY EXHAUSTING, YOU KNOW!
..MUST BE NICE BEING A BIRD, WITH NO WORRIES.
YOU'RE ALL TOO PESSIMISTIC! PUT A LITTLE MORE SPIRIT INTO IT!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A HALF-ASSED FINAL BATTLE!

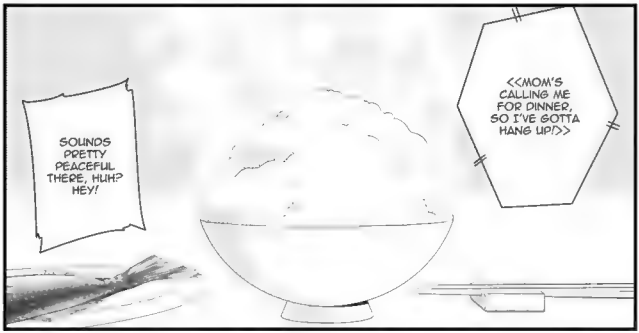
APPLE? WHERE ON EARTH...
<<ARE YOU OKAY? IT'S ME, APPLE.>>
I DON'T REMEMBER INTERACTING WITH THAT MANY PEOPLE DURING THIS ADVENTURE, BUT THEIR POWER IS SOMEHOW REACHING ME, HUH?
SO MANY PEOPLE CARE ABOUT YOU, BROTHER, THAT THEIR POWER HAS SOMEHOW REACHED YOU!
IT'S THE POWER OF LOVE!
CLENCH
<<OH, AND I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM ASUKA.>>
?
...HEARING MY LITTLE SISTER SAY THAT REALLY IS PRETTY MOTIVATING.
<<DON'T GIVE UP, BROTHER! I'M CHEERING YOU ON!>>
AND, ACTUALLY, YOUR VOICE IS THE ONLY ONE I CAN HEAR, APPLE...

Omega
オメガ
Ken's Dream
鍵の夢
Reality
現実
<<OMEGA IS EATING EVERYTHING IN ALL DIMENSIONS.
SO WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, WHETHER THIS IS A DREAM OR REALITY, IT'S STILL EATING EVERYTHING.
IF YOU DON'T STOP OMEGA HERE, AFTER IT EATS THE WORLD IN KEN'S DREAM IT WILL COME AND EAT THE REAL WORLD NEXT...
OR AT LEAST, THAT COULD HAPPEN.

GRR
EVERY SINGLE TIME! IS SHE TRYING TO MAKE ME HAVE SOME KIND OF MENTAL BREAKDOWN?!
WHAT IS WITH HER?!
..THAT'S THE WHOLE MESSAGE!?>>
<<AH... APPARENTLY THAT'S WHAT ASUKA LIVES FOR...>>

<<WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME, BROTHER? I DON'T KNOW...>>
THIS IS A DREAM, RIGHT? EVEN IF I DIE IN A DREAM, I'M FINE, RIGHT? OMEGA'S NOT GONNA APPEAR IN THE REAL WORLD, RIGHT?!
THANKS TO ASUKA, I'M REALLY WORRIED NOW!
AAAAAGH!!
キャーク
DID HE BREAK DOWN FROM ALL THE STRESS?
SIS.. SUGISAKI'S GETTING PRETTY AGITATED, TALKING TO HIMSELF OVER THERE..

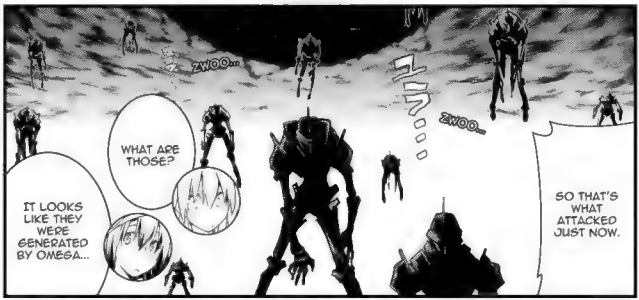
WHY DO YOU SOUND SO CASUAL, LIKE YOU'RE JUST CHEERING FOR A SPORTS CLUB?!
<<ANYWAY, GO FOR IT BIG BROTHER!>>


SOUNDS PRETTY PEACEFUL THERE, HUH? HEY!
<<MOM'S CALLING ME FOR DINNER, SO I'VE GOTTA HANG UP!>>

<<BYE NOW, BROTHER! REMEMBER, "A CANDLE LIGHTS OTHERS AND CONSUMES ITSELF!">>
IS MY OWN LITTLE SISTER TELLING ME TO SACRIFICE MYSELF TO SAVE THE WORLD?!
<<...>>
SILENCE
SHE HUNG UP...
I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN TRAMPLED DOWN WHEN I TALK TO THOSE TWO...
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN YELLING TO YOURSELF ABOUT?
HUH?
YOU GUYS COULDN'T HEAR HER?
NEVER MIND, THEN. IT WAS NOTHING.
PHEW...
WELL, THEN...

SERIOUS
ALL OF THE SUDDEN YOU SEEM DIFFERENT.
WHAT'S GOING ON, SUGISAKI?
LET'S DO THIS.
...THIS ISN'T SO BAD, HAVING A CHANCE TO PROTECT SOMEONE I FAILED TO PROTECT BEFORE.
THIS MAY JUST BE A DREAM, BUT I WAS THINKING...
GLENGH

OKAY, WE CAN "DO THIS," BUT WHAT EXACTLY DO WE DO?
IN THAT CASE, LET'S MAKE IT EAT ITSELF.
HUH?
OMEGA EATS ANYTHING, RIGHT?
LOOK, IT REALLY IS GOBBLING STUFF UP.
VWOOP
I MEAN, HOW ON EARTH WOULD...
UM, YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT I THINK?
I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ONE FOR SELF-INDULGENCE. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
STRETCH
GU-POWW
チュドォォン


ZWOO...
ZWOO...
WHAT ARE THOSE?
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE GENERATED BY OMEGA...
SO THAT'S WHAT ATTACKED JUST NOW.

PREZ!
!!
I KNOW!

SYOOOOO

FWOO
FWOO
FWOO

...
YEAH, DO SOMETHING, BUT WHAT...?
WHY ARE YOU SO LAID BACK ABOUT IT, THEN? THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH I CAN DODGE, SO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT FROM THE LAST BOSS, BUT THE NUMBER AND SCALE OF THE ATTACKS ARE OFF THE CHARTS!
HUFF

I'LL...

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN!
BOOM

BUY ME SOME TIME, MADAM PRESIDENT!
GOT IT!

WOOOHHH!

A THREE-DIMENSIONAL MAGIC CIRCLE?!
GWOOOO
WHAT ARE YOU SO SURPRISED ABOUT, MOMIJI?
NO WAY...
I THINK MY DREAM IS EXAGGERATING JUST A WEE BIT...
AND YET, ONE SINGLE PERSON...
ALL OBSTACLES THAT STAND IN MY WAY...
...EVEN THE MAGIC POWER OF ALL THE HUMANS IN THE WORLD COMBINED WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY SUMMON IT.
ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL MAGIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE, IT'S POSSIBLE IN THEORY, BUT...
THAT'S AN "ULTIMATE CHANTED MAGIC CIRCLE." IT'S MADE OF THE MAGIC CIRCLES FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HIGH-LEVEL SPELLS, ALL OVERLAPPING TO STRENGTHEN THEIR POWER TO THE UTMOST LIMITS.

ETERNAL FORCE...
...BLIZZARD!!
SHKEEEEEEEEEEEN

...FEEL MY FROZEN BLADE! TURN TO ICE AND SMASH TO PIECES!

ETERNAL FORCE...

...FEEL MY FROZEN BLADE! TURN TO ICE AND SMASH TO PIECES!

...BLIZZARD!!
SHKEEEEEEEEEEEEN

SHATTER
CRRREAK
CRACK
KASHINK
WOW... ALL THE ENEMIES AROUND US FROZE AND SHATTERED IN JUST AN INSTANT...
IT REALLY WAS AMAZING, BUT I'D BE TOO EMBARRASSED TO YELL THAT SPELL OUT LOUD...
WHAT ABOUT OMEGA?!
WOOOOOOHH
AND MORE ENEMIES HAVE JUST ARRIVED!
UHH... IT FELT LIKE I DID SOME DAMAGE TO IT, BUT IT'S STILL GOING STRONG...

CLENCH

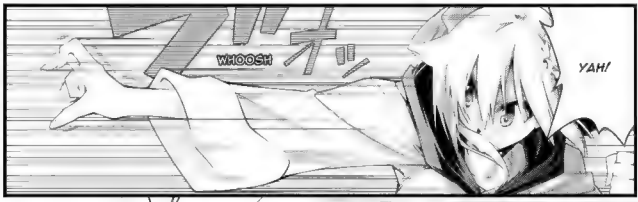
TCH!
WAIT, KEN.
THIS TIME IT'S MY TURN.

SUMMER... YOU--

BEEP
Equipment
Pretty Dress
Battle Gear
FLAP
I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE WATCHING WHILE MY LITTLE SIS IS WORKING SO HARD.

...WITH HADES.
LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I LEARNED IN MY TRAINING...
WHAT?!
H-HADES? YOU MEAN...
FLAP

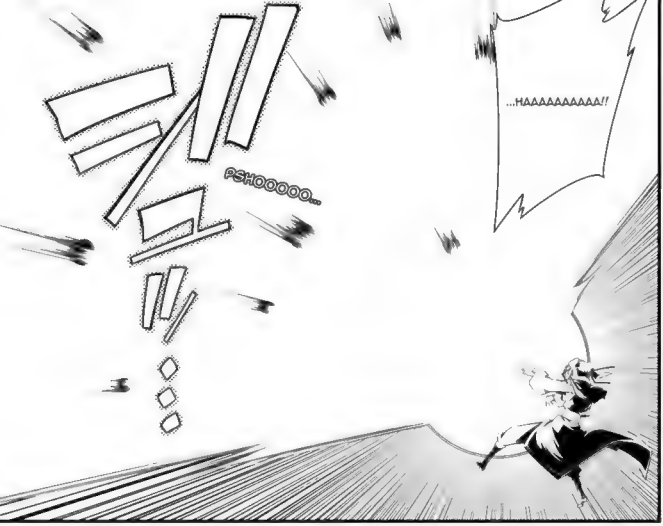
AAAAAAAAAAA
HADES FIST!!!
AHHH, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY.


WHOOSH
YAH!

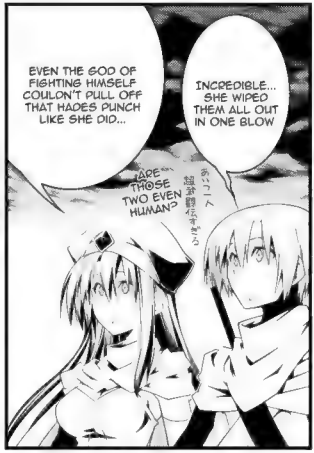
SKID
SPLAT

SWOOOSH
KAPOW

GGGOOOAS
SIS!
GYOOO
...MEEE...


...HAAAAAAAAAA!!
PSHOOOOO...

SMACK
HER POWER MUST BE OVER TWO BILLION SUMMERS.
TWO BILLION SUMMERS...?


INCREDIBLE... SHE WIPED THEM ALL OUT IN ONE BLOW
EVEN THE GOD OF FIGHTING HIMSELF COULDN'T PULL OFF THAT HADES PUNCH LIKE SHE DID...
ARE THOSE TWO EVEN HUMAN?

WAIT, MOMIJI, ALL YOU'VE DONE SO FAR IS EXPLAIN THINGS.
AND WHY NOT?

AS LONG AS THE SISTERS ARE FIGHTING, THERE'S NOT MUCH FOR ME TO DO...

I...I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE!

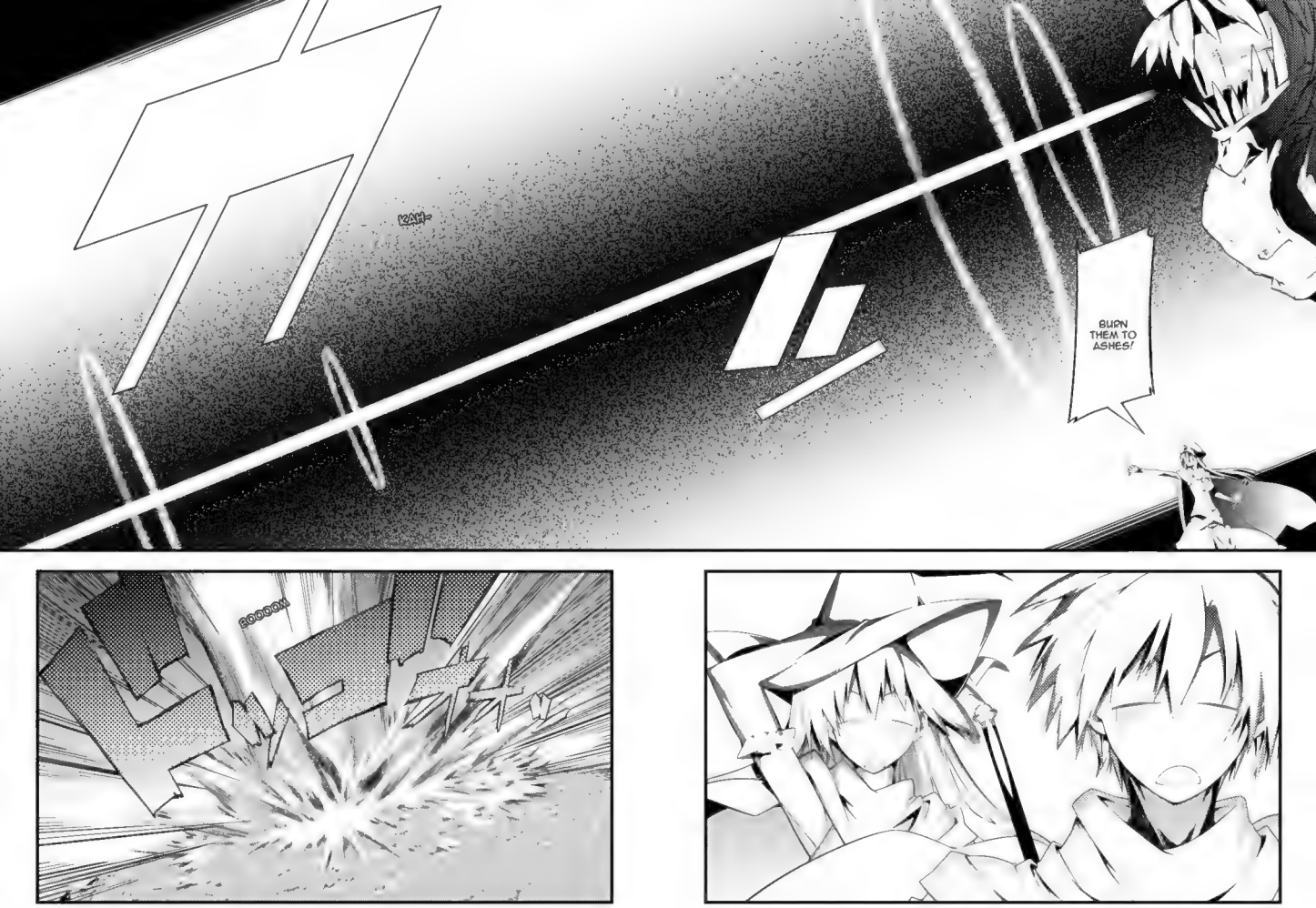
OH, NOW MOMIJI'S FINALLY GOING TO SHOW HER TRUE POWER?
OKAY THEN...
CLICK

SHEEOO
SOME SHOTS GOT AWAY?!
ZIP

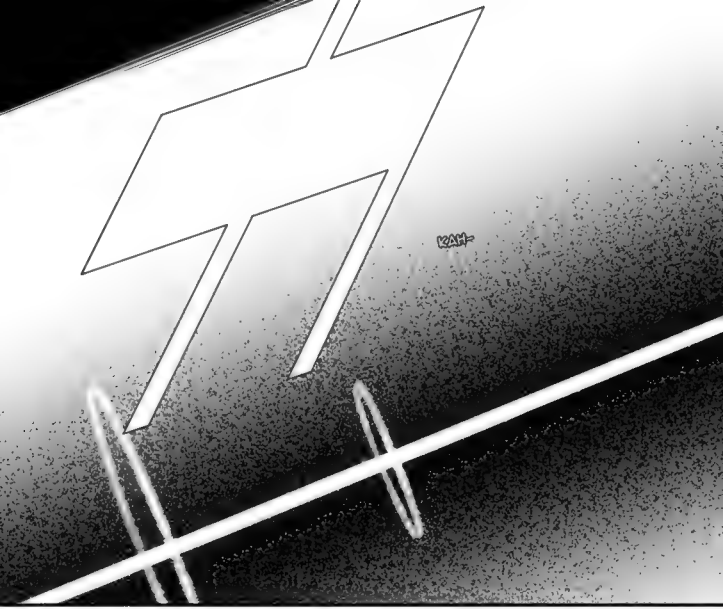
BOOOM!
...
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF MAGIC--
BOOOM!
SPIN
SPIN SPIN SPIN
BOOM
I'M SORRY. PLEASE DO CALL OUT THE SPELL NAMES. THAT ACTUALLY FELT MORE NATURAL.
YOU SAID THE SPELL NAMES WERE EMBARRASSING, SO I KEPT QUIET JUST FOR YOU.
OH, COME ON! DON'T JUST SIT THERE BASKING IN THE JOY OF BATTLE! CALL OUT SOME SPELL NAMES OR SOMETHING!
SUCH A DEMANDING BOY... ALL RIGHT.

KA-BOOM
HEAL.
WHY WOULD A HEALING SPELL CAUSE SUCH A HUGE EXPLOSION?!
THAT SEEMS A LITTLE OUT OF CHARACTER FOR ME, BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT ME TO...
SULK
THEN... CAN'T YOU AT LEAST SAY, LIKE, "HA!" OR "HIYA!" OR SOMETHING, JUST TO SHOW THAT YOU'RE REALLY INTO IT?
AND THAT SPELL NAME IS NO GOOD EITHER!
WELL, I DIDN'T NAME MY OWN SPELLS...

FLASH
CLICK
MANIAC
GROWL
FUWAH
SWIP
DUH-DUUUNN!
W-WHAT IS THAT?!
A...A SUMMONED MONSTER?!


KAH-
BURN THEM TO ASHES!
BOOOOM

BURN THEM TO ASHES!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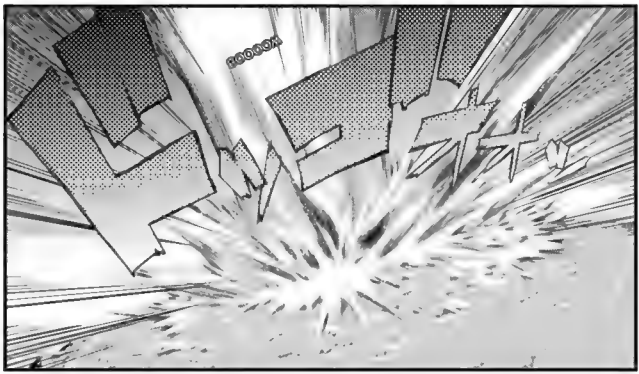
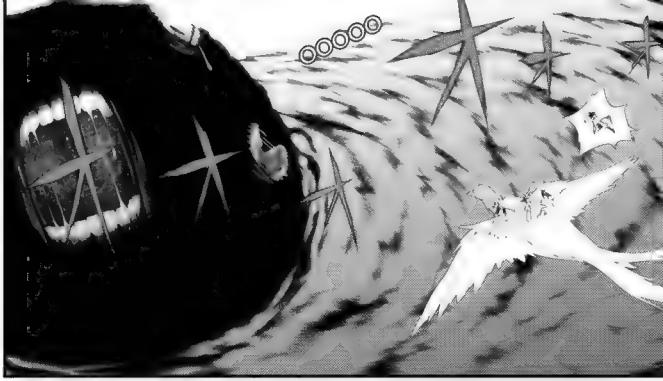

DOOOOM

STOP, STOP!! NOW IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE BAD GUY HERE, MOMIJI!
WHAT WAS THAT? AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A DESCENDANT OF THE MOST EVIL CLAN IN HISTORY?
TCH. IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?
GLANCE
WHAT? I DID WHAT YOU SAID, AND GOT REALLY INTO THE BATTLE...
YOU JUST KEEP COMPLAINING, KEY. WHAT IS IT YOU WANT ME TO DO?
HEY, SUGISAKI!
AND ALSO, I'D RATHER HAVE THE WORLD NOT BURN TO A CRISP, SO DON'T SUMMON ANYTHING ELSE, PLEASE.
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT TO BEGIN WITH?
WHIMPER
WHATEVER... ANYTHING YOU WANT. JUST PLEASE DON'T BECOME THE BAD GUY YOURSELF...

EVEN IF EVERYONE ELSE TAKES CARE OF THOSE BLACK THINGS, WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT OMEGA?
YOU SAID YOU'D MAKE IT EAT ITSELF OR SOMETHING.
OH, RIGHT.

OKAY, FIRST, FLY DIRECTLY ABOVE OMEGA.
OUR SUPER-POWERED FRIENDS WILL OPEN UP A PATH FOR US.

ROGER!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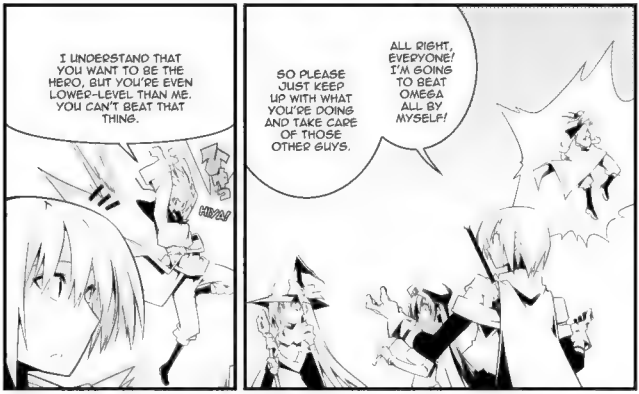
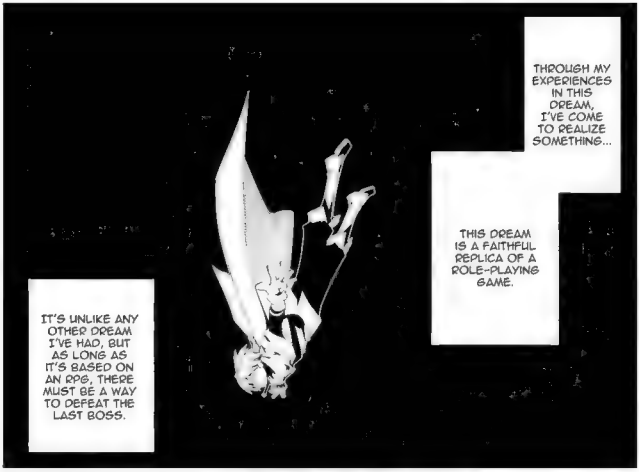
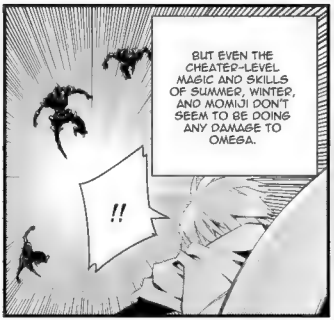
YES.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
IS HERE OKAY?


I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT TO BE THE HERO, BUT YOU'RE EVEN LOWER-LEVEL THAN ME. YOU CAN'T BEAT THAT THING.
HYA!
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE! I'M GOING TO BEAT OMEGA ALL BY MYSELF!
SO PLEASE JUST KEEP UP WITH WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND TAKE CARE OF THOSE OTHER GUYS.

IT'S OKAY, SUMMER. TRUST ME.
HUH?
EVEN IF THIS IS A DREAM, AND WHETHER OR NOT MY INJURIES, OR OMEGA, MIGHT APPEAR IN THE REAL WORLD,
THERE'S STILL A REASON I HAVE TO DO THIS.
RIGHT ABOUT HERE, I THINK?
A REASON ...?
WHISH!

??!!
WHOOOOO
SWO
WAIT, SUGISAKI?!


THROUGH MY EXPERIENCES IN THIS DREAM, I'VE COME TO REALIZE SOMETHING...
THIS DREAM IS A FAITHFUL REPLICA OF A ROLE-PLAYING GAME.
IT'S UNLIKE ANY OTHER DREAM I'VE HAD, BUT AS LONG AS IT'S BASED ON AN RPG, THERE MUST BE A WAY TO DEFEAT THE LAST BOSS.


BUT EVEN THE CHEATER-LEVEL MAGIC AND SKILLS OF SUMMER, WINTER, AND MOMIJI DON'T SEEM TO BE DOING ANY DAMAGE TO OMEGA.
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EVEN IF WHAT ASUKA SAYS IS TRUE, AND OMEGA IS AN ULTIMATE EVIL THAT CAME FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION...
...NOW THAT IT'S APPEARED IN THIS DREAM AS THE LAST BOSS, THERE MUST ALSO BE SOME LOGICAL WAY TO DEFEAT IT.

GRAB
ス!!

...AND IT'S REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT, LIKE ALL RPGS, THIS STORY HAS ALREADY INCLUDED A HINT ABOUT WHAT I HAVE TO DO.
SO THE WAY TO DEFEAT OMEGA CAN'T BE SIMPLY DAMAGING IT--- THERE MUST BE SOME SET CONDITIONS I HAVE TO FULFILL...
SIZZ
STEP
THE QUESTION IS--- WHAT WAS IT?
BAM
SCHWACK
SCHWACK
SPIN
BUT I ALREADY HAVE A GUESS.

GWOOOAH
SLASH
!!
IT WAS THE PROVERB THAT APPLE QUOTED DURING THAT RIDICULOUS CONVERSATION WE HAD BEFORE THIS BATTLE STARTED.
MY LITTLE SISTER WOULDN'T USUALLY USE A PHRASE LIKE THAT--IT WAS THE HINT FROM THIS WORLD ABOUT THE LAST BOSS BATTLE.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE KEY TO VICTORY IS MY OWN SACRIFICE.

IF I CAN SAVE THE ONES I LOVE, THEN I'LL GLADLY SACRIFICE MYSELF.
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A HERO... NO, TO BE KEN SUGISAKI.
UP UNTIL NOW, MY SUBCONSCIOUS WAS OVERPOWERING MY WILL AND SO THIS WORLD WAS UNABLE TO CHANGE.
BUT NOW, BY ACCEPTING MY OWN FATE, I WILL OVERCOME MY SUBCONSCIOUS WITH MY OWN WILL, AND CHANGE THE WORLD.

I'LL MAKE OMEGA STOP EATING THIS WORLD BY FORCING IT TO FOCUS ON ITSELF INSTEAD.
THAT IS MY PURPOSE IN THIS BATTLE... THE FATE OF THE SACRIFICIAL HERO.
YOU RAN OUT OF LUCK WHEN YOU ENTERED MY DREAM, OMEGA! THIS WILL BE YOUR GRAVE!
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ヒュ
WHOOOOSH
ン
I-I MEAN, THIS IS ALL JUST A GUESS...

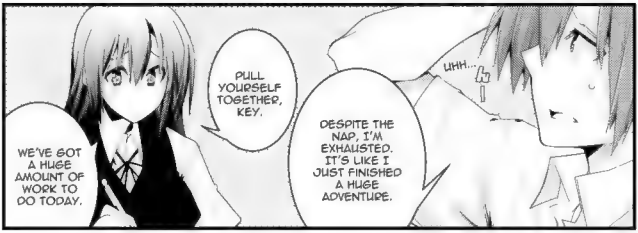
UWAAAAAH! ACTUALLY, I'M REALLY TERRIFIED!!
FLAIL
STRUGGLE
IF IT TURNS OUT I GUESSED WRONG, I'LL JUST BE DYING FOR NOTHING!
OH MY GOD, I'M SERIOUSLY SCARED! I WON'T REALLY DIE, WILL I?!
FLAIL
DYING IN A DREAM WON'T REALLY MAKE ME DIE IN REAL LIFE, WILL IT?!

ムシャ!!…

MUNCH...

CLUNK
HEY!
OW!
GLARE
HUH? PREZ...
..WHERE ARE YOUR WINGS?
WHAT ARE YOU MUMBLING ABOUT, SUGISAKI?
SLEEPING THROUGH A MEETING IS ABSOLUTELY UNHEARD OF!
MEET-ING...?

WAS I... SLEEPING?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW


UHH...
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, KEY.
DESPITE THE NAP, I'M EXHAUSTED. IT'S LIKE I JUST FINISHED A HUGE ADVENTURE.
WE'VE GOT A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK TO DO TODAY.

AH, NO, NEVER MIND!
R...REALLY? I REALIZE THIS IS UNUSUAL FOR ME, BUT I'D REALLY LIKE TO TAKE A BREAK...
GLARE
WHAT?

EVEN IF IT'S JUST A TRICK, I WISH I COULD FEEL MOMIJI'S HEALING...
SHE'S GOT A POINT THOUGH... WHAT WAS I THINKING, FIRST FALLING ASLEEP, AND THEN ASKING FOR A BREAK?

I REMEMBER!!
WHAT? MAN, YOU'RE LOUD.
I WAS A HERO, AND I SAVED THE WORLD!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR FANTASIES. JUST GET TO WORK.
NO, IT'S TRUE!
IF THAT OMEGA SCENARIO WAS REAL, THEN I'M THE SAVIOR WHO RESCUED NOT ONLY THIS WORLD, BUT EVERY WORLD IN ALL DIMENSIONS!
I'M NOT JUST A SAVIOR--I'M PRACTICALLY A GO---
WE WERE THE ONES WHO DEFEATED OMEGA.

...HUH?
CHIZURU, EXPLAIN IT TO HIM.
SIGH...
SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENED LAST NIGHT---WE ALL HAD THE SAME DREAM.
WE WERE ALL TRAVELING WITH THE HERO SUGISAKI TO DEFEAT OMEGA. IT WAS SERIOUSLY SO DUMB.

AND THEN, RIGHT AT THE MOST IMPORTANT SCENE IN THE ADVENTURE, YOU THREW YOURSELF INTO OMEGA...
ピコーン
DING
Ken Sugisaki has logged out.
WHAAAAAAA?!
UWAHH...
MAFUYU USED HER GOOGLECADABRA TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO FIGHT OMEGA. USING THAT INFORMATION, WE GATHERED POWER FROM ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD AND FINALLY DEFEATED IT.
SINCE THE "HERO" WAS ABSOLUTELY USELESS FROM START TO FINISH, THE REST OF US FOUGHT DESPERATELY AGAINST OMEGA.
ブツブツ
BLAH
ブツブツ
BLAH
ガビーン
SHUDDER

MY GUESS WAS WRONG!!!
THE REAL WORK OF THE ADVENTURE STARTED THERE.
THAT LAST BATTLE REMINDED ME OF ARC THE LAD II.. IT WENT ON FOR HOURS AND HOURS...

GLONK
TOTALLY
役立たず
USELESS
RIGHT. YOU WERE TOTALLY USELESS.

...SO, YOU MEAN, I...
WOGGLE

THIS IS RIDICULOUS!!
AND WE'RE SERIOUSLY ENDING WITH "IT WAS JUST A DREAM"?!
AND SO THE CURTAIN CLOSES ON KEN SUGISAKI'S GREAT ADVENTURE, WITH A HUGE DROP IN THE AFFECTION LEVELS OF ALL THE STUDENT COUNCIL LADIES.

episode.36 Wire Taps and Wardrobes

IT HAPPENED ONE DAY IN AUTUMN.
ALL ALONE
ぽっーん
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY, BECAUSE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE JUST THE TWO OF US...
SLUMP...
しゅん...
IN A RARE COINCIDENCE, ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS HAD ERRANDS OF THEIR OWN, SO IT WAS GOING TO BE JUST ME AND KEY IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM.

BUT OVER HALF AN HOUR HAD PASSED SINCE OUR MEETING WAS SUPPOSED TO START, AND KEY STILL HADN'T SHOWN UP.
IT'S ONE THING TO BE LATE, BUT NOT EVEN SENDING A MESSAGE...
SIGH

GLANCE
SINCE KEY'S MAKING ME WAIT, I HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT'S KEEPING HIM...

...IT'S ALL RIGHT, GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ...RIGHT?
GULP
I WONDER IF KEY STILL HAS THE TRANS-MITTER IN HIS BREAST POCKET.
THAT'S RIGHT, THIS IS THE RECEIVER FOR THE BUGGING DEVICE WE GOT AT OUR MEETING YESTERDAY.

MAN...
I EVEN DRESSED UP LIKE THIS JUST FOR HIM. WHERE COULD THAT BOY BE WANDERING OFF TO NOW?
TODAY I DRESSED UP IN A COSTUME INSTEAD OF MY UNIFORM.
THE SOUND OF HIS CLOTHES RUSTLING AS HE WALKS... THIS MUST BE WORKING.
SWIP...
SWISH...
TAP TAP
THERE WAS REALLY ONLY ONE REASON: TO TEMPT KEY.
I ALMOST FEEL LIKE I CAN HEAR SOMEONE SCOLDING ME--LIKE, "JUST WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM?!"
BUT LET ME EXPLAIN. I WANT TO TEMPT HIM, BUT I'M NOT ACTUALLY SERIOUS ABOUT IT. I JUST WANT TO EMBARRASS HIM. I MEAN, LATELY IT FEELS LIKE KEY'S BEEN TAKING THE LEAD WITH ME, AND JUST AS I WAS THINKING I'D LIKE TO DO SOMETHING UNEXPECTED TO BRING THINGS BACK UNDER MY CONTROL, I HAPPENED TO NOTICE THE COSTUMES WE'RE KEEPING FOR THE DRAMA CLUB WHILE THEIR ROOM IS BEING REMODELED, AND THIS NURSE OUTFIT WAS RIGHT THERE...

AFTER SITTING HERE FOR HALF AN HOUR AND COMING BACK TO MY SENSES, I REALIZE HOW PATHETIC THIS LOOKS.
BUT ANYWAY!
NOW THAT I'VE GOT THIS ON, IT FEELS EVEN STUPIDER TO CHANGE BACK INTO MY UNIFORM! THIS IS JUST HOW THINGS ENDED UP!
IF IT ISN'T SUGISAKI. I DON'T OFTEN SEE YOU HERE AFTER SCHOOL.
OH, IT'S FROM THE RECEIVER...
TWITCH
OH!
...MEGURU.
MEGURU MINASE... THE POP STAR IN KEY'S CLASS. I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN HER ON TV.

THIS IS UNUSUAL FOR YOU. AFTER SCHOOL YOU'RE ALWAYS IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM.
IF I COULD, I'D BE THERE RIGHT NOW.
BUT MS. MAGIRU STOPPED ME AND IS MAKING ME COLLECT WORKSHEETS FOR HER.
MY PHONE'S BATTERY IS DEAD, SO I CAN'T EVEN TELL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS I'LL BE LATE. I'VE BEEN COLLECTING THESE WORKSHEETS AS FAST AS I CAN, BUT IT'S TAKING LONGER THAN I THOUGHT.

SO THAT'S IT...
KEY HAD HIS REASONS AFTER ALL. I FEEL KIND OF BAD FOR GETTING SO IRRITATED AT HIM.

I SEE. I HOPE HE COMES SOON!
GRAB
WAIT A MINUTE.
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO LEAVE SO QUICKLY?

IT'S UNUSUAL TO SEE YOU HERE, TOO, THOUGH.
MY MANAGER WAS SUPPOSED TO PICK ME UP AT SCHOOL, BUT HE'S LATE. AT THIS POINT IT'D BE A PAIN TO JUST GO HOME, SO I'M WAITING HERE AT SCHOOL.

I TOLD YOU, I'VE GOT WORK TO DO. I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU WHY YOU WON'T LET ME LEAVE!
I... BUT I... SUGISAKI...
FIDGET...
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ANYWAY, JUST TALK WITH ME FOR A LITTLE WHILE, OKAY?!
I REALLY AM IN A HURRY...
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WHAA...

BLUSSSH
WHAT AM I THINKING? IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S MY BOYFRIEND...
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THAT'S RIGHT! KEY AND I ARE SUPPOSED TO BE HAVING FUN TOGETHER RIGHT NOW, SO STOP GETTING IN THE WAY!
SO YOU'RE A CELEBRITY! WHO CARES?!
WHO CARES?!

OH YEAH! I'M TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT TO WEAR TO MY NEXT JOB. WHAT TYPE OF OUTFITS DO YOU LIKE, SUGISAKI?
OH, OKAY, IF YOU INSIST. JUST A MINUTE, THOUGH. SO WHAT IS IT?
WELL, UMM...
RRRRUMBLE
OH, REALLY?
IF YOU'RE THE ONE WEARING IT, THEN, REALLY, ANYTHING WOULD DO...
UH... I MEAN... I LIKE MATURE, SEXY OUTFITS.
MATURE, SEXY OUTFITS ...HUH.
IS...IS THAT SO? GOT IT.
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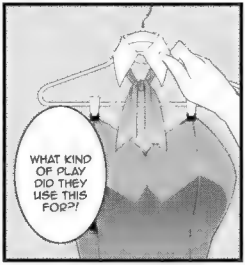
RUSTLE
SEXY...SEXY...
RUSTLE
AH...

BUT ANYWAY, HERE IT IS...
I GUESS I'LL CHANGE INTO IT.


WHAT KIND OF PLAY DID THEY USE THIS FOR?!

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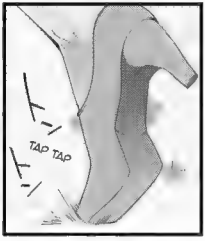
SQUEEZE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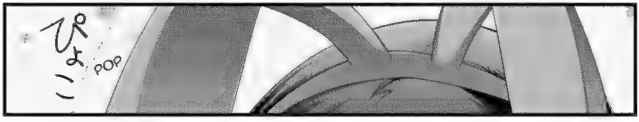

POP

ALL RIGHT... THIS CERTAINLY IS SEXY!
THERE'S NO WAY THIS WON'T GET KEY'S HEART RACING!
AH...
WELL, WELL, WELL!
IF IT ISN'T THAT PERVY LOLITA-PEDO VICE PRESIDENT, SUGISAKI!
ロリペド!?
LOLITA-PEDO?!

MINASE.
REALLY?
SIGH...
はぁ…
YOU KNOW, I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S SLANDER.
BRING IT ON! THIS TIME YOU'LL BE THE ONE CRYING!
THEN LET'S MEET AGAIN IN THE COURTROOM.
THAT GROVELING SUITS YOU, SUGISAKI.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, LADY MINASE!
HE'S GROVELING TO HER?!
I'LL START PREPARING MY CASE BY MAKING A LIST OF ALL THE ADULT GAMES YOU'VE BOUGHT AT THE STORE WHERE I WORK.
CLACK

I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MANY GIRLS SUGISAKI TALKS TO OUTSIDE OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM...
ぐぅ…
GRR...

ANYWAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, SUGISAKI?
THE POLICE STATION IS TWO KILOMETERS THAT WAY.
GO AHEAD
スッ
WHY DO YOU THINK I SHOULD TURN MYSELF IN?! I'M WORKING RIGHT NOW! DOING A COLLECTION JOB!

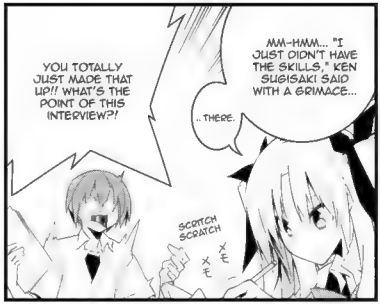
HUH?
SUGISAKI, WERE YOU ACTUALLY DOING HONEST WORK?
JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM?!
I SEE. AND HOW MUCH UNDERWEAR HAVE YOU COLLECTED SO FAR?
WHY WOULD I COLLECT THAT?! I'M COLLECTING WORKSHEETS! THE TEACHER ASKED ME TO GET WORKSHEETS!

BUT STILL, MINASE...
AH, SUGISAKI.
BESIDES, YOU'RE THE ONE CALLING PEOPLE PERVS AND PEDOS... JUST WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN SAY THAT?
THE TYPE OF ADULT GAMES YOU BUY. WHAT ABOUT IT?
YEAH, SORRY, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY TO REFUTE THAT.
URK...
IF WE'RE GOING TO TALK ANY ANY FURTHER, WOULD YOU PLEASE PAY ME MY FEE?
SO NOW JUST TALKING TO ME IS WORK FOR YOU?!
SHOO! SHOO!
THEN FORGET IT! JUST GO AWAY!
OKAY.
AT A LOSS FOR WORDS
THEN I'LL BE OFF.

LOLITA... HUH.
HMM... MINASE MAY HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATING A BIT, BUT APPARENTLY IT'S TRUE THAT KEY GUYS A LOT OF LOLITA GAMES...
!!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
THERE MUST BE SOME CLOTHES THAT DON'T LOOK TOO WEIRD ON ME BUT STILL MAKE ME LOOK YOUNGER.
GOTHIC LOLITA... I THINK THAT'S WHAT IT'S CALLED...
THIS MIGHT BE PRETTY GOOD...

IT MAKES ME LOOK YOUNG, BUT ALSO ADDS A BEWITCHING SENSE OF DEVILRY. THIS IS A NEW FRONTIER FOR CHIZURU AKABA!
BUT IT COULD WORK. IT COULD REALLY WORK!
KEY COULDN'T POSSIBLY RESIST THIS WICKED TEMPTA--
AH
I WISH I COULD JUST MEET A PURE, SWEET, AND ALLURING GIRL!
WHAAAAA?!

I MEAN, A GIRL WHO'S SWEET AND MODEST AND MYSTERIOUS, ALWAYS WALKING JUST HALF A STEP BEHIND ME...
STEP STEP
NO ONE I KNOW IS QUITE LIKE THAT...
PATTER PATTER
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT TO YOURSELF AT A TIME LIKE THIS?! ARE YOU CLAIRVOYANT OR SOMETHING?!
OH HO!
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND YOU HERE, KEN SUGISAKI! NOW IT'S TIME FOR AN INTERVIEW!
...I WISH...I COULD MEET ONE...


YOU TOTALLY JUST MADE THAT UP?! WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS INTERVIEW?!
MM-HMM... "I JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE SKILLS," KEN SUGISAKI SAID WITH A GRIMACE...
.. THERE.
SCRITCH SCRATCH

WANDERING AROUND HERE AT A TIME LIKE THIS... DOES THIS MEAN THE STUDENT COUNCIL HAS FINALLY FIRED YOU?
I'M NOT FIRED. I'M JUST COLLECTING WORK- SHEE--

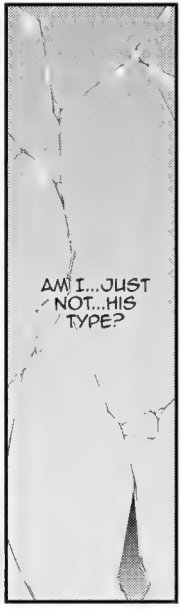
HAS THERE EVER BEEN A SCHOOL NEWSPAPER THIS CORRUPT BEFORE?
SNAP
WHY, NATURALLY IT'S TO ESTABLISH THE FACT THAT I DID INTERVIEW YOU!

...AH.

I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND KEY'S TYPE. WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO SATISFY HIM?
SO THE NURSE OUTFIT, THE SEXY OUTFIT, AND THE LITTLE DEVIL OUTFIT ARE ALL NO GOOD? WHAT SHOULD I DO?

MAYBE THE PROBLEM IS THAT I, MYSELF, AM NOT HIS TYPE...
...IT MIGHT NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE CLOTHES...

THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY HE'S IN CONTROL OF OUR INTERACTIONS, AND WHY HE'D BE LATE FOR A MEETING WITH JUST THE TWO OF US.
CRUSH
...THAT MIGHT BE TRUE.


AM I...JUST NOT...HIS TYPE?

...I'M AN IDIOT.
WHAT AM I EVEN DOING? IF I'M NOT HIS TYPE IN THE FIRST PLACE, WHY DO I KEEP CHANGING CLOTHES LIKE THIS?
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN ALL THIS IS JUST LAUGHABLE.
STEP
スカ...

.....
I'M SORRY, MS LILICIA, BUT I REALLY AM IN A HURRY. LET'S DO THIS INTERVIEW LATER.
BUT I ALMOST NEVER SEE YOU OUTSIDE OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM! IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN?
PLEASE, JUST GIVE ME A BREAK

I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY'S STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING!
WHAT?

I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT FIRED! I JUST HAPPEN TO BE DOING ANOTHER ERRAND SO I CAN'T GO TO THE COUNCIL ROOM!
THAT WAS YOUR FABRICATION!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'VE BEEN FIRED!

ABSENT MEMBERS?
I MEAN, IT'S TRUE THAT MOST OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL ISN'T COMING TODAY, SO IT'S PRACTICALLY A DAY OFF...
SO THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO DO AN INTERVIEW, RIGHT?
I GUESS IT COULD BE, BUT...
SO THIS IS MY CHANCE TO SHINE!

JUST, PLEASE, I'M BEGGING YOU, LET ME GO.
WHA... WHY ARE YOU BOWING TO ME?!
STOP THAT! IT'S DIS- GRACEFUL!
WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES YOU?!
WORRY WORRY

...SERIOUSLY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOU.
SNAP
I'M SORRY, BUT I...
...I LOVE THE USUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS WITH EVERYONE THERE, BUT A MEETING WITH JUST ME AND CHIZURU IS REALLY RARE, AND I WAS SO HAPPY...
I'VE JUST BEEN REALLY, REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY.
...JUST LIKE ME.
ALL RIGHT...
OH WELL...

AHH, WHATEVER, I'M LEAVING!
WAI--
ZOOM
NO, LET US BE ALONE TOGETHER! YOU DON'T LISTEN AT ALL, DO YOU?!
I THINK I SMELL A SCOOP, SO I'LL COME ALONG WITH YOU.
.....
DAMMIT! I'M NOT GONNA LET ANYONE ELSE WASTE THIS TIME I SHOULD BE SPENDING WITH CHIZURU!
TIME TO CHANGE.

NOT INTO A COSTUME THAT WOULD SHOCK POOR KEY...
THIS TIME I JUST WANT TO WEAR SOMETHING THAT WILL REALLY PLEASE HIM.
I DON'T THINK I CAN PUT INTO WORDS WHAT I FEEL RIGHT NOW.
BUT...
...I'M FEELING IT FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
AH...

HEE HEE.
SWEET ...
...AND MYSTERIOUS
HONESTLY, WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING TODAY? MY HEART WAS ON A ROLLER COASTER TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HIS TYPE.
I GOT A LITTLE DEPRESSED FOR A WHILE, BUT ACTUALLY, SITTING HERE THINKING ABOUT WHAT HE LIKES HAS BEEN PRETTY FUN.
YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO BE FAINT OF HEART, CHIZURU AKABA.
SQUEEZE
AFTER ALL... I'M BEAUTIFUL.

...THEN THERE IS NO WAY ON EARTH THAT KEY WON'T BE PLEASED.
RUSTLE
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SLIP...
シュル…
SLIP...
AND IF I WEAR SOMETHING HE LIKES...
TODAY, I SWEAR I'LL GET HIS HEART RACING.
PHEW...
HEY THERE, CHIZURU!
BAM
HUH?!
...I MANAGED TO RUN ALL THE WAY TO THE COUNCIL ROOM. OKAY, GOTTA GREET CHIZURU CASUALLY...

BLUSSSH
WHA...
WHA-
WHA-
WHA...?
BLUSSSH

GRAB
EEEYAAAAAAAAHH!!
EE...
SLAM
?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY WAS CHIZURU...
I-I...
...I'M SORRY?!
KEY, YOU LECH!! PERV! CREEP!!

AND SO...

...IN THE END, THERE WAS NO MEETING AT ALL THAT DAY, BUT...
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BA-DUMP
GLANCE
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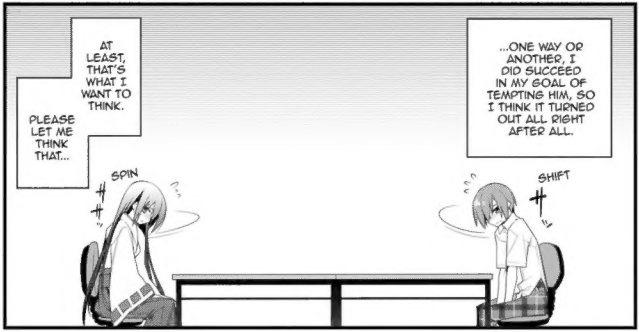
AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO THINK.
PLEASE LET ME THINK THAT...
SPIN
...ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I DID SUCCEED IN MY GOAL OF TEMPTING HIM, SO I THINK IT TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT AFTER ALL.
SHIFT

Thank you for reading!
次は深夏のターン
七巻も宜しくお願いします。
NEXT TIME IT'S MINATSU'S TURN. SEE YOU AGAIN IN VOLUME 7.

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